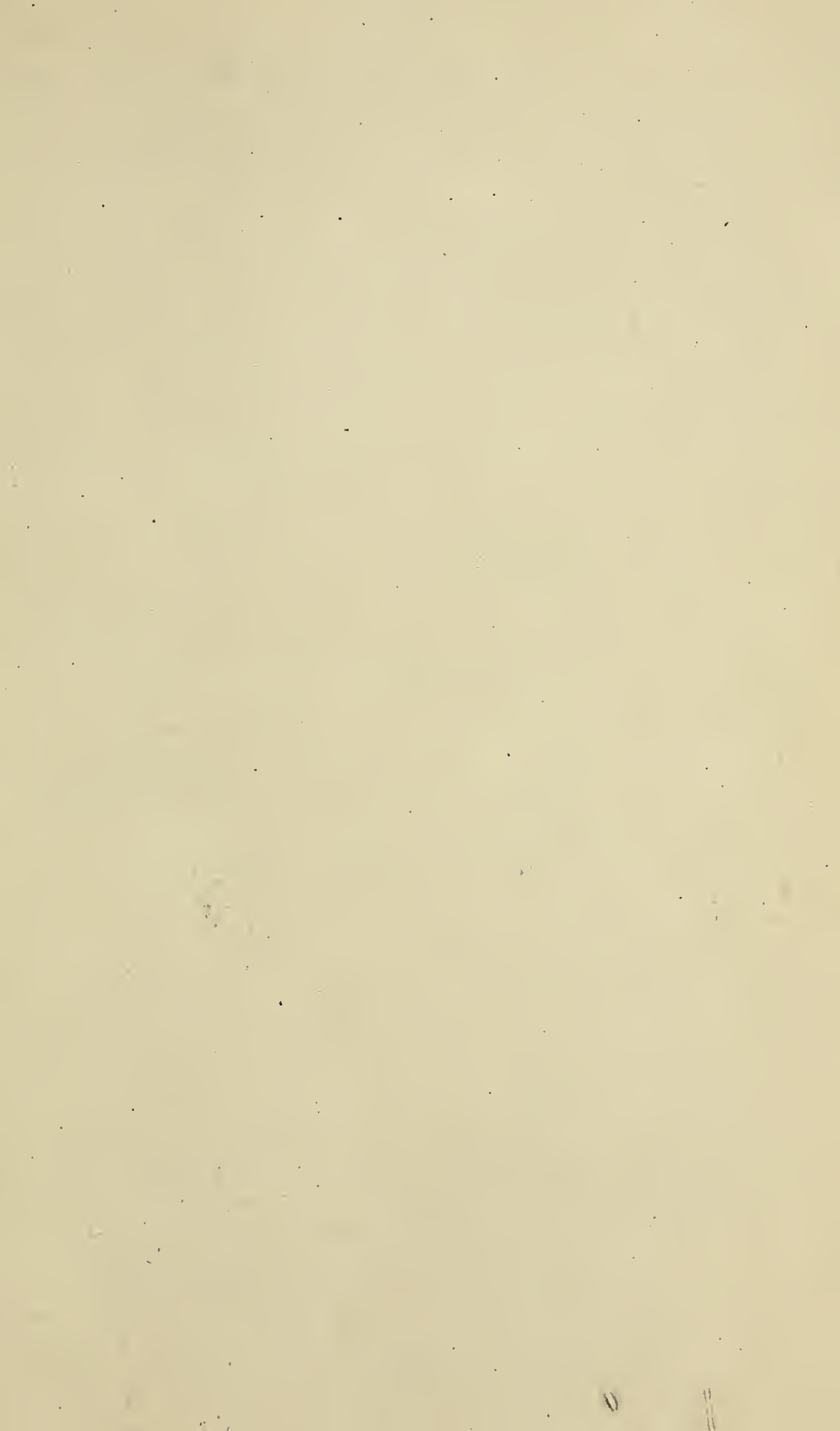


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ALABAMA

BAPTIST

STATE

CONVENTION



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*Trustees of Judson Female Institute*—Term expiring 1893: W. W. Wilkerson, J. B. Lovelace; 1895: L. L. Lee, J. H. Marbury; 1897: J. C. Bush, J. P. Shaffer; 1899: H. A. Haralson, B. F. Ellis; 1901: T. T. Daughdrill, W. B. Crumpton; 1903: C. C. Huckabee, W. P. Welch; 1905: W. T. Smith, Geo. B. Eager.

## COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT CONVENTION OF 1892.

*Programme*—Geo. B. Eager, Wm. A. Davis, W. H. Smith, T. G. Bush, W. C. Cleveland.

*Sabbath-schools*—W. M. Burr, G. L. Comer, W. H. Simmons, W. A. Whittle, D. S. Martin, A. Edwards.

*Foreign Missions*—Thomas Henderson, A. J. Preston, J. A. Foster, J. L. Jones, F. S. Moody.

*Home Missions*—W. D. Gay, J. A. Glenn, H. P. Wells, R. Deal, C. W. Buck.

*Education*—W. L. Pickard, E. S. Shorter, J. D. Roquemore, Virgil Bouldin, A. N. Worthy.

*Temperance*—S. R. C. Adams, W. J. D. Upshaw, J. M. Poyner, J. L. Lawless, J. H. Creighton.

*Woman's Work*—S. W. Averett, A. E. Burns, R. W. Beck, A. W. Beverly, G. W. Dalbey.

*Introductory Sermon*—William Harris; alternate, J. L. Lawless.

*Next Session*—At Anniston, November 8th, 1892.

# ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION,

SEVENTIETH SESSION—1891.

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The ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION assembled in its seventieth session with the First Baptist church, at Eufaula, Alabama, at 10 o'clock A. M., on Thursday, November 5, 1891.

2. The Convention was called to order by Jonathan Haralson, its President, and Wm. A. Davis acted as Secretary.

3. Devotional Exercises were conducted by J. A. French.

4. Delegates were enrolled as names appear in list at end of these minutes, which list includes all whose names were enrolled during the session.

5. The following officers were elected, to-wit:

*President*—Jonathan Haralson.

*First Vice President*—W. C. Cleveland.

*Second Vice President*—J. P. Shaffer.

*Secretary*—William A. Davis.

6. George W. Ellis was appointed Assistant Secretary.

7. Correspondents were received as follows:

*American Baptist Publication Society*—George E. Brewer, Alabama Agent; F. J. Paxon, Atlanta Manager.

*Foreign Mission Board*—T. P. Bell, Assistant Secretary.

*Home Mission Board*—J. Wm. Jones, Assistant Secretary.

*The Alabama Baptist*—C. W. Hare, Editor.

*Southern Baptist Theological Seminary*—J. R. Sanipey, Professor.

*The Western Recorder*—W. P. Harvey, Business Manager.

*Sunday School Board*—J. M. Frost, Corresponding Secretary.

*Florida Convention*—W. S. Brown.

*Georgia Convention*—W. H. Patterson, H. R. McLendon.

8. On motion of T. H. Stout, it was



*Resolved*, That any member of this Convention in attendance upon any other State Convention is authorized to represent this organization in such body.

9. The President invited the ministers of the city of other denominations to seats on the floor.

10. An address of welcome was delivered by J. C. Hiden, pastor of First Baptist church, of Eufaula, to which the President responded in behalf of the Convention.

11. The report of the committee on Program was submitted by its Chairman, J. C. Hiden. After remarks by W. B. Crumpton, J. J. Taylor and J. O. Hixson, a motion by W. B. Crumpton to recommit for the purpose of having the committee assign certain hours for the discussion of the respective topics was lost, and the report of the committee as published in *Alabama Baptist* was adopted, with exchange in order of items 10 and 17.

12. The report of State Mission Board was read by W. B. Crumpton, its Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, as follows:

*The Sixteenth Annual Report of the State Mission Board to the Alabama Baptist State Convention:*

Encouraged by the increased liberality of the churches, as shown by our last year's report to your body, we employed a larger number of missionaries, whose reports show a year of earnest and successful work. We are gratified to report sufficient funds on hand to settle with them to Oct 1st.

The number of baptisms reported, the meeting-houses finished and in course of construction, and the amount of money collected on the field by the missionaries, all show improvement of a substantial character.

We are endeavoring to have all the churches aided by us, cultivated in the grace of giving; hence, before an appropriation is made, we require them in conference to promise to take regular collections for missions both in the church and Sunday-school. Some of these churches, thus trained in the beginning, by missionaries of the Board, have now come to be our most liberal contributors.

A new and important movement has been inaugurated in the Secretary's personal work in the field. Having abandoned the old plan of going from church to church to take collections, he now holds three days meetings at central points in the associations, calling to

his aid the services of the best pastors in reach. At these meetings the questions of Missions, Christian Education, Temperance, Sunday-schools and Church work are discussed. The interest awakened thereby encourages us to believe it is the most effective method of evangelizing the state. Not so much money is gathered in this way as by the old method, but we are sure the contributions will, in the end, be greatly increased.

#### A LESSON FROM THE MONEY PANIC.

Pastors whose habit has been to make an earnest appeal for Mission money, only when a crisis came upon some of the Boards, and whose people have never been trained to worship God in giving, have found this year their appeals were in vain. Other pastors, having plans which had been successfully worked, yielding to their fears, because of the cry of hard times, temporarily suspended their collections. Of course the churches reported to their associations, but little contributed. But other pastors rigidly adhered to their system, and their churches have given about as liberally as in other years. The folly of the hap-hazard method is so apparent to business men, who are in our churches, that they are determined to bring about a change. Many have procured our church canvassing books and have had their churches to adopt the envelope system.

#### AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

The average amount contributed for State Missions in the last ten years, per annum, is about \$7,600; and the average number of men employed annually for the same period is 58. Our contributions for the other Mission Boards have largely increased.

In 1882 Alabama's contribution to Home Missions was \$926.96, and to Foreign Missions \$1,933 54.

This year we give for Home Missions \$6,347.67; for Foreign Missions, \$7,897.26.

For the increased liberality of our people we are devoutly grateful to God; but we wonder that the contributions for State Missions remain so nearly the same.

We think that it is acknowledged by all that the enlarged contributions for the Home and Foreign Boards are due very largely to the efforts put forth by the State Mission Board to disseminate Mission intelligence and cultivate the mission spirit in the churches.

While we would not over-estimate the work entrusted to us, we believe that State Missions lie at the foundation of all missionary progress.

It is a fact, not realized by our people, that the majority of the Baptists of the State are practically anti-missionaries. Hundreds of churches and thousands of members do not give one cent for missionary purposes.

Of the seventy-two associations reported on our list, the majority of them do practically nothing for Missions. But among these peo-

ple are many pious, intelligent persons who stand ready to extend the hand of welcome to any brother who will visit their sections to enlighten the people. They will put themselves to any inconvenience to help the visiting brother on his way. "Come over and help us," is the cry which is heard from these who are hungering and thirsting for missionary information.

They are missionaries in spirit and would be also in practice, if they had instruction and some one to lead them. If their cry for help is ever heard, if relief is ever sent, if they are ever trained and made efficient, progressive Baptists, the State Mission Board is the only agency to do it. The associations cannot, the Home Mission Board should not, because of the great work it has to do in other States not so favored as our own. Some of our larger city churches cannot be impressed with the necessities of the work, or they would be more liberal in their contributions to State Missions.

Profoundly impressed with the importance of cultivating these associations, we have employed Brother J. M. Waller to assist the Corresponding Secretary in his work in the field. Wherever he has gone the people have received him gladly and promised their sympathy and hearty co-operation.

#### THE STATE MISSION QUARTERLY

Has grown in favor with the people, and its usefulness everywhere is acknowledged. The Sunday-schools of the State very generously responded to an appeal sent out, and contributed enough to print the July number—this with the contributions of others, and a largely increased subscription list, has enabled us to print the paper almost without cost to the mission fund. We believe if the paper could be changed to a *monthly* it would be a greater help in our efforts to reach the masses, and might become self-sustaining—even if it should cost something above the receipts, we think it would be a wise expenditure of funds. We ask the convention to appoint a committee to consider this matter.

#### CHURCH BUILDING.

We have such frequent calls for aid in church building and have been able to do so little thus far, we resolved to raise a fund for that purpose. An appeal was made to the churches and Sunday-schools suggesting the first Sunday in October as the day for taking a collection for this object. While we have not had many responses to our appeal, we believe it is an important matter, and shall continue to urge it upon the churches.

#### THE CENTENNIAL MOVEMENT.

The Baptists of the world have agreed to suitably celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the modern missionary enterprise. The committee appointed for Alabama by the Southern Baptist Convention should receive the hearty co-operation of every Baptist in the State.



It is hoped that the movement will be the means of arousing the churches to a greater zeal in the cause of Missions.

We hope to have at least one missionary mass meeting in each association in the State during the next year. Mission literature can be had for the asking, and surely our pastors and people will not be slow to avail themselves of this opportunity to inform themselves.

#### HOME MISSIONS.

We were asked to give to the Home Mission Board \$5,500. We have paid to the Board \$6,347.67.

The Board has helped us in the joint support of five missionaries. Brother F. C. Plaster, after more than two years of efficient service as missionary to the colored people, resigned in July. We have not employed his successor as yet, but hope soon to do so.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We attempted to raise for Foreign Missions \$8,500. We have paid to the Board \$7,897.26, which is an increase over last year's contributions of more than one thousand dollars. Mrs. Crawford and Miss Mary Thornton, in China, Mrs. Mosely and Mrs. McCormick in Mexico, and Rev. J. W. McCollum and wife in Japan, are Alabama's representatives on the Foreign field.

#### SUMMARY OF WORK.

Number of men employed.....	54
Days of service .....	4,056
Miles traveled.....	27,958
Sermons delivered.....	2,138
Addresses made.....	740
Churches constituted.....	8
Number of persons baptized.....	329
Baptized by others in connection with the missionaries' labors...	216
Received by letter.....	431
Restored .....	26
Sunday-schools organized.....	31
Sunday-schools addressed.....	197
Ladies' Missionary Societies organized .....	8
Prayer meetings organized.....	17
Prayer meetings held.....	391
Number of regular preaching stations without churches.....	59
Number of visits to preaching stations.....	213
Number of churches visited.....	299
Number of visits made.....	9,121
Subscribers to The Alabama Baptist secured.....	109
Subscribers to The State Mission Quarterly.....	
Subscribers to The Foreign Mission Journal secured.....	13
Subscribers to "Our Home Field".....	
Pages of tracts distributed.....	6,900
Meeting houses commenced.....	22
Meeting houses finished.....	8
Money collected for meeting houses.....	\$6,343 20

Money collected for State Missions.....	\$1,077 85
Money collected for Home Missions.....	\$ 239 13
Money collected for Foreign Missions.....	\$ 274 09
Money collected for Ministerial Education.....	\$ 94 00
Money collected for Indigent Ministers.....	\$ 13 50
Money collected for Bible and Colportage Board.....	\$ 2 75

Accompanying this report our Financial Statement will be found.

W. B. CRUMPTON, Cor. Sec'y.

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCT. 31ST, 1891.

### STATE MISSIONS.

To amount on hand at last report.....	\$ 1050 38
By pro rata of Convention Minutes left off last report.....	\$65 49
By expenses of Centennial Committee on Woman's Work, left off last report.....	3 91
Postage account.....	51
	70 91
To balance.....	979 47
To amount received from all sources.....	8255 77—\$9285 24
By amount paid Secretary balance salary 1889-90.....	52 19
Secretary's salary 1890-91.....	1465 49
Missionaries.....	5991 45
Clerk hire.....	104 80
Exchange and Money Orders.....	6 07
Express, freight and drayage.....	9 80
Postage.....	63 11
Stationery and Printing.....	72 93
Telegraph.....	7 15
Office Expenses.....	21 15
Traveling expenses of Cor. Secretary.....	260 14
Travelling expenses of Agents.....	166 55
Travelling expenses of Members of the Board.....	8 75
Expenses of Centennial Committee.....	17 35
One-third expenses of Central Committee on Woman's Work.....	23 52
Pro rata Convention Printing.....	75 42
Expenses of Statistical Secretary.....	16 50
Overcharge Home and Foreign Boards.....	9 33
Overcharge State Missions.....	25 00
Balance cash in hand.....	928 51—\$9285 24

### HOME MISSIONS.

To amount on hand at last report.....	482 96
on hand for Havana Church.....	6 00
on hand for Cuban Printing Press.....	5 00
on hand for Cuban Missions.....	15
on hand for Frontier Missions.....	8 75
on hand for Indirm Ministers in Choctaw Nation.....	2 00—\$ 504 86
received for Home Missions.....	3329 68
received for Havana House.....	425 21
received for Cuban Missions.....	85 32
received for Cuban Printing Press.....	5 00
received for Cuban School.....	632 74
received for Missionary in Louisiana.....	5 00
received for Indian Missions.....	2 00—\$4284 99
Total.....	\$4789 85



By amount paid Home Missions .....	3759 39
Havana Church .....	431 25
Balances above .....	10 75
Cuban Missions.....	85 47
Cuban School.....	392 74
Cuban Printing Press.....	10 00
Missionary in Louisiana .....	5 00
Indian Mission.....	2 00—\$4696 57
By amount on hand for Home Missions.....	53 28
on hand for Cuban School.....	40 00—\$ 93 28

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To amount on hand at last report on Foreign Missions.....	257 79	—\$1789 85
at last report, Japan .....	28 00	
at last report, Brazil .....	6 00	
Zacatecas Chapel.....	43 72	
Mexican Mission .....	3 65	
Madero Institute .....	19 75—\$ 358 91	
To amount received for Foreign Missions .....	4718 70	
for Japan Mission .....	52 06	
for Brazil Mission.....	5 00	
for Zacatecas Chapel.....	69 23	
for Mexican Mission.....	29 33	
for Madero Institute.....	79 40	
for Maggie Rice Memorial.....	17 50	
for Miss Lula Whilden .....	5 00	
for Miss Mary Thornton.....	82 58	
for China Mission.....	2 50	
for Bibles for the heathen.....	2 75	
for African Mission.....	3 01	
for North China Mission.....	229 22	
for Ferras Chapel.....	25 00	
To amount overpaid Zacatecas Chapel.....	8 00—\$5342 28	
Total.....		\$5701 19

By amount paid Foreign Missions.....	\$ 4930 11
paid Japan Missions.....	70 06
paid Br. zil Missions.....	11 00
paid Zacatecas Chapel.....	120 95
paid Mexican Missions.....	25 98
paid Madero Institute.....	99 15
paid Maggie Rice Mission .....	17 50
paid Miss Lula Whilden .....	5 00
paid Miss Mary Thornton.....	82 58
paid China Missions.....	2 50
paid Bibles for heathen.....	2 75
paid African Mission.....	3 01
paid North China.....	229 22
paid Ferras Chapel.....	25 00
on hand for Foreign Missions.....	76 38—\$5701 19

## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

To balance at last report.....	\$ 7 85
education of colored ministers .....	7 30
To amount received .....	522 69—\$ 537 34
By amount paid.....	537 34

## HOWARD COLLEGE.

To amount at last report .....	46 65
received .....	74 87
for endowment.....	6 00— 127 52
By amount paid.....	127 52

## AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

To balance at last report.....	354 89	
To amount received.....	103 66—	458 55
By amount paid.....	84 10	
By balance on hand.....	374 45—	458 55

## CHURCH BUILDING IN ALABAMA.

To balance at last report.....	10 41	
To amount received.....	210 30—	220 71
By amount paid.....	211 60	
By balance on hand.....	9 11—	220 71

## STATE MISSION QUARTERLY.

To balance at last report.....	15 15	
To amount received conts. and subs.....	256 90	
To amount overdrawn.....	12 26—	284 31
By amount paid.....		284 31

## BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE.

To amount at last report.....	24 71	
To amount received.....	184 72—	209 43
By amount paid.....	206 93	
on hand.....	2 50—	209 43

## JUDSON INSTITUTE.

To amount received.....	20 00	
By amount paid.....	20 00	

## KIND WORDS.

To amount received.....	6 64	
By amount paid.....	6 64	

## WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' HOME.

To amount received.....	19 50	
By amount on hand.....	19 50	

## RECAPITULATION.

Received for State Missions.....	8255 77	
Home Missions.....	4284 99	
Foreign Missions.....	5334 28	
Ministerial Education.....	522 69	
Howard College.....	80 87	
Aged and Infirm Ministers.....	103 66	
Church building.....	210 30	
State Mission Quarterly.....	256 90	
Bible and Colportage.....	184 72	
Judson Institute.....	20 00	
Kind Words.....	6 64	
Widows' and Orphans' Home.....	19 50	

**\$19,280 32**

This is to certify that I have this day examined the foregoing accounts of W. B. Crompton, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the State Mission Board of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, and find the same correct and supported by proper vouchers.

A. J. GOODWIN, Auditor.

Selma, Nov. 4, 1891.

Remarks were made by G. S. Anderson, J. M. Waller, and further discussion deferred until afternoon.

13. It was agreed to meet at 9:30 A. M., adjourn at 1 P. M.; meet at 3 P. M., adjourn at pleasure; and meet at 7:30 P. M., and adjourn at pleasure.

14. The President announced the appointment of committees to report at this session, as follows:

*Collections*—W. C. Bledsoe, I. A. White, C. W. O'Hara.

*Finance*—R. W. Beck, David Lodge, W. M. Rabb.

*Nominations*—T. H. Stout, W. G. Curry, W. B. Crumpton, Z. D. Roby, J. H. Foster, Jr.

*Public Worship*—J. C. Hiden, J. A. Foster, and Deacons of Eufaula church.

*Time and Place*—P. T. Hale, G. A. Hornady, R. M. Hunter.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

15. The subject of State Missions was further discussed by W. B. Crumpton, W. P. Harvey, G. S. Anderson, P. T. Hale, George E. Brewer, W. R. Ivey, W. C. Cleveland, A. J. Dickinson, J. O. Hixson, D. I. Purser, M. H. Lane and H. R. Schramm, and the following resolution offered by G. S. Anderson, was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the members of the State Mission Board and the Bible and Colportage Board present at this session be appointed a committee to take into consideration the destitution and difficulties that confront us on the line of Missions, and the relations of said two boards, and define their respective spheres of operation and work in meeting the demands of this destitution, such committee to report at this session.

On motion of G. S. Anderson, the matter of the publication of the State Mission Quarterly, noted in the Board's report, was referred to a committee consisting of W. M. Burr, W. H. Smith, A. W. McGaha, J. G. Lowrey and V. Bouldin.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT.

16. The Convention sermon was preached by A. J. Dickinson, the text being, "And the Lord said Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat, but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not, and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." Luke 22:31, 32.

17. The Convention was addressed by J. R. Sampey on the subject of Christian Education in the special interest of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

18. Devotional Exercises were conducted by J. L. Lawless.

19. The following telegram was read:

"LOUISVILLE, KY., Nov. 5, 1891.

*"Alabama Baptist State Convention:*

"The Alabama boys at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary send Christian greeting. We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you. For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and long suffering with joyfulness."

By direction of the Convention the Secretary replied:

"All that are with me salute you. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth; that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ: to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

20. The report on Foreign Missions was read by M. H. Lane, chairman of committee, as follows:

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It is but meet that we thrust to the front, in this report, the unwelcome fact that our churches are sadly in arrears and guilty of exceptional short-coming in contributing to the support of their missionaries. Our Foreign Mission Board has received since the first of last May over thirty thousand dollars less than their expenditures for the work. The year is more than half gone and not one-fifth of the funds needed for the year's work has been sent in. With the new missionaries sent out the work will require twenty thousand dollars additional to last year's receipts, and yet some of our largest States have fallen far behind the aggregate of their contributions up to the time corresponding to this in last year. We deplore the fact that Alabama is conspicuous among the delinquents. We have contributed thus far about seven hundred dollars less than the amount sent in by us to the first of November of last year. The matter is the more trying, the Board justly complains, because the ability of our people is ample and their hearts are really interested and willing. Making due allowance for the business depression and tightness in money matters which has affected the country at large and



the mineral districts in particular, such a state of things involves culpable neglect on our part, or indifference to the needs of our missionaries and the calls of the Board. Brethren, these things ought not so to be. They cry aloud for remedy.

With the close of this session we enter upon the conventional year which ushers in the Centennial of Modern Missions. Your committee recognizes in this great event a Divine call to an enlarged liberality and sweeping reform. During the past few years the Foreign Mission work of Southern Baptists has grown amazingly and our contributions have increased from twenty thousand to one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars, apart from all legacies. We have now over one hundred missionaries in foreign lands, in China, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Japan, and their efforts are being crowned in some fields with signal success. Alabama has contributed a generous quota toward the great and gracious achievements but partly represented in these facts and figures. In view of all this, of course, we may well thank God and take courage. But the conviction grows that after all we have made but a fair beginning in carrying out the great commission of our risen Lord, and that our efforts in this direction are not sufficiently sustained, systematic and earnest. The lately proposed methods of celebrating the Missionary Centennial are in part the outgrowth of this conviction. Our people need to be informed and made alive to the present status and demands of the great and growing work of world evangelization. It has been decided, therefore, to make this a year of agitation and education. Besides, two very practical objects are aimed at: 1, To raise a grand thank offering of \$250,000 to be equally divided between the Home and Foreign Boards; and 2, To send out one hundred additional missionaries into the foreign fields and provide for their support for at least five years.

To this work we are committed by all that God has done for us in the past, as well as by the formal action of the Southern Baptist Convention in its late session at Birmingham. It becomes us, therefore, at this meeting to take steps to inaugurate and prosecute this great work in Alabama so as to make it a practical success, as well as a real and far reaching campaign of education. We should adopt wise measures to reach and arouse the masses of our people who are yet virtually anti-missionary, to kindle fresh enthusiasm in the luke-warm, to lift our most intelligent and generous givers to a higher plane of Christian liberality, to stimulate wealthy individuals to give larger gifts, and the multitude of the poor to give their "littles," and to impart permanence and persistency to this new interest and activity by inducing our churches all over the State to adopt and abide by some suitable system of giving to Missions, State, Home and Foreign. We should use this great occasion to recall afresh the fact that the work is one and "the field is the world." There is no need of prejudice or jealousy between what we call Home and For-



eign Missions. They are but parts of one great whole. "Go ye into all the world," said the Master, adding significantly, "beginning at Jerusalem," as if to correct at the outset all idea of any conflict or rivalry of claims between the two. We may illustrate this truth during the Centennial year with telling effect, if we are wise and generous and fair in our plans and operations. We should proclaim that the world's population, according to the latest statistics, is greater by nearly ninety millions than we have but lately thought it, and that less than half of them have ever heard the Gospel.

We should show that, though first in the field and outstripping all others in numbers, Baptists now give less to Missions than any of the great Christian denominations, the proportion of total gifts by those of the United States last year being as follows: Presbyterians, \$4,783,657; Methodists, \$2,769,172; Congregationalists, \$2,398,837; Protestant Episcopalians, \$1,689,401; and the Baptists, \$1,362,488.

We should cite the noble example of the Moravians, who, though the least of all the sects in numbers, are the most illustrious and liberal in missionary consecration and zeal, sending out one of every sixty of the members to the foreign field, and giving \$12 a head annually for Foreign Missions.

We should point to the Salvation Army, who though "the poorest of the poor," have their "month of self denial" annually or oftener, in which by hard stinting they are enabled to put \$50,000 at a time into their missionary treasury.

We should call attention to the lamentable decline of the giving of our American churches, considering their vast and rapid increase in numbers and wealth, and show that in many cases "ecclesiastical luxury is throttling missionary self-denial."

We should prove to our people that, according to the great commission, Missions should be maintained as our principal business, and not as an outside and occasional charity.

We should induce our churches to give up the "annual effort" for Foreign Missions, for weekly offerings "according as the Lord has prospered us."

We should show that the unbusiness-like way of waiting till the end of the fiscal year to send in our gifts results in serious embarrassment and loss to our Boards and calls for immediate and radical reform.

We should make it clear that we stand face to face with a "crisis in missions," but that it is the result, not of failure, but of success; that it is a time not for retreat, but for advance; not for retrenchment, but for enlargement; not for discouragement, but for renewed hopefulness, in proportion as we can rightly "discern the signs of the time."

We should repeat with stronger emphasis than ever that, as the work and power are God's, so the only way to achieve success is to

pray unceasingly to the Lord of the harvest, assured that it is the praying church that is the conquering church.

In short, we should leave nothing undone which it is in our power to do to inform and direct our people, and to stimulate them to rise up and do their utmost to make this Centennial surpass all other centenary celebrations even as our missionary age surpasses in glory all other ages, and this coming year to redound as no other to the glory of God and the good of man. To this end we earnestly suggest:

1. That such action be taken by this Convention as will commend this Centennial movement to the attention and support of our pastors and churches, and will give to the Centennial committee for Alabama the endorsement and moral backing of this body.

2. That Friday evening of this session be devoted to a mass meeting in the interest of this movement to be held under the auspices of said committee.

3. That we request the committee to report what they have already done and to submit to this body some outline of their operations for the coming year; and

4. That we urge all our pastors to co-operate with them in encouraging and securing the formation of societies among the children, the youths, and the women of our congregations, so far as this may be done in loyalty to the local churches, and so as to make them tributary to the development of a truer missionary spirit and a more enlightened missionary zeal among our people.

The Convention was addressed by Wm. Harris and T. P. Bell, and the report was adopted.

21. A letter on the subject of Foreign Missions was read and ordered published in the minutes, as follows:

*To the Baptists of Alabama:*

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS—We, your sole representatives in this great land of darkness, desire to present to your earnest and prayerful consideration the spiritual needs of these perishing millions. It is difficult at your distance to realize the appalling magnitude of the task of proclaiming the Gospel to such immense multitudes. It is impossible for you to appreciate the infinitesimal effect, compared with the whole need, that can be produced by the mere handful of Southern Baptists stationed in seven far-separated cities of this empire. During our American civil war, we, nine of us then, struggled on, supporting ourselves with occasional uncertain aid from home, hoping, longing, praying that as soon as the war clouds should have passed away many others would join us and the work go forward. But with the return of peace and prosperity new fields began to attract attention, and for many years no help came. Italy was occupied, Brazil was opened, then Mexico, while the old mis-

sions in China were languishing and becoming almost extinct for lack of the long needed reinforcements. Japan is now recently opened, and still we here look in vain for adequate help. In order to look properly after our scattered converts and the seed already sown, missionaries at two new cities seemed absolutely necessary. So Hwanghien and Pingtu were occupied; but our number is so small that not one of these three places is fully manned, and the failure of one person's health may leave the station without an occupant. The work at Pingtu begun by Miss Moon, and carried on by herself and Miss Knight, absolutely required a man's presence and Mr. and Mrs. League consented to go. That left Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt alone at Hwanghien, and now, ere this arrangement has been fully executed, Mr. Pruitt is obliged to leave the field on account of failure of health. Two new men are expected in October, but it will be two years before they can do effective work or take proper charge of a station. Each of these cities, Tung Chow, Hwanghien and Pingtu, needs three or four men with their wives to carry on the work efficiently.

Doors are wide open all around us. There seems no limit to the amount of labor that may be done. The suspicions of the people caused by difference in race and cult, their ignorance of foreign nations, and the fact that missionaries entered the country upon the heels of a humiliating war, are wearing away. We are living down their prejudices and gaining their confidence. But alas how few there are to lead them to Christ! The trying conditions of missionary life are such that a large proportion sink under them and leave the field either for their native land or the home above before they more than enter upon the threshold of active labor. You, dear brethren, must bear patiently this great apparent loss and be prepared to fill up the serried ranks. How many single churches in Alabama can support each its own missionary on the foreign field? How many groups of two, three, or more, can do the same thing? This would give to each church, and to each individual member thereof a living, burning interest in its own missionary, and also intensify the interest in all other labors for the Master. God is giving you material prosperity, such as you never enjoyed before, for what purpose? That you may spend it in luxurious living? or that you may speed the day when all the nations shall be given to Christ for his inheritance?

Dr. Ashmore says in a late tract: "The crying need of the Asiatic heathen world to-day is for more evangelizers. The countries are open, the people are accessible, and all is ready. It is not for a host of more professors of various branches of learning; it is not for a host of book-makers and literary workers; it is not for a host of men to hold posts and do barrack service; it is not for a host of more hospitals to head the work of every mission; but it is



for a host more of men to go forth like the seventy into every town into which he would come, to swing clear of synagogues and sacred places and mission compounds, and take the open field, the street and the wayside, and go to and fro, back and forth, up and down, around and across, through and through, in season and out of season, witnessing and testifying, opening and alleging, the facts concerning Jesus and the resurrection and the great salvation that has come through him."

We have spoken more particularly of the needs of our own field because we are better acquainted with them and feel them more keenly; but the whole world needs you—needs the truth which you can send them. Our Lord's parting command to "preach the Gospel to every creature" is upon each one of us, at home and abroad, and the only limit is our ability. The time is short; let us not dally, but let us "do with our might what our hands find to do."

Praying God's guidance and richest blessings upon you all, we remain your fellow workers in the Gospel of Christ.

F. M. CRAWFORD,  
MARY T. THORNTON.

Tung Chow, Sept. 17, 1891.

22. The following resolutions, offered by Geo. B. Eager, were adopted:

*Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Convention the time has come when we should adopt some new measures, or put forth some fresh efforts, to reach the growing multitudes of our young people, to reclaim them from spiritual idleness and indifference, and to enlist them more generally and heartily in our local church work and general denominational activities;

*Resolved*, 2. That we recognize in what is known as "The Young People's Movement" of our day a timely call and opportunity to undertake this work;

*Resolved*, 3. That we encourage our pastors and churches to organize their young people for these ends, provided such organizations be kept in loyal relation to the local churches, and made tributary to our existing denominational organizations and activities; and,

*Resolved*, 4. That we invite all such societies or organizations of young people as may then exist in the State, to arrange for a young people's meeting to be held in connection with our next Convention, assuring them that suitable provision will be made in the program for the holding of said meeting.

On motion of J. A. French, a committee was appointed, consisting of Geo. B. Eager, J. A. French and W. R. Ivey, to formulate and report a plan for such organizations.

23. The report of the Board of Ministerial Education was read by W. C. Cleveland, as follows :

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., NOV. 4, 1891.

In submitting this annual report we beg leave to call attention to the resignation of Rev. M. B. Wharton, D. D., which was handed to the Board on March 4, 1891. The cause necessitating his resignation was the acceptance of the pastorate of the Freemason Street Baptist church of Norfolk, Va. This occasioned very great loss to the Board. Dr. Wharton was fully alive to the work and zealous and devoted to the interest of our denomination. It was a great loss not only to the efficiency and success of the work in hand, but his wisdom and perseverance were inspiring to the denomination at large.

On the acceptance of Dr. Wharton's resignation the Board elected J. G. Harris to fill the vacancy during the unexpired term.

From the date of the last Convention to the meeting of the Board in March, about \$600.00 had been contributed. In order to pay the amount due for the last session, it was necessary that we have in hand as soon as possible \$1,200.00. The emergency was great, and the task was no easy one; but realizing the demand and the great importance of success to the denomination, the President, with the invaluable assistance of the Secretary of the Board, Bro. Geo. W. Ellis, prepared and sent out over the State, over 800 appeals. These appeals did the work, and as a result, nearly every dollar of the indebtedness was met before the beginning of the present session. The balance of the last session has been provided for, as will be seen by the itemized report of the Treasurer herewith submitted.

From the report it will be seen that the balance on hand at the last Convention was \$101.91, including \$86.53 held for the education of colored ministers. The total contributions during the conventional year just closed, aggregated \$2,498.70, add to this the balance on hand at last report, and they foot up \$2,600 61. The Board has paid out during the conventional year now closed, the sum of \$2,534.95, leaving a balance on hand of \$65.66; of this amount \$62.53 is for the support of colored ministerial students. The balance now on hand of general fund is \$3.13.

There were at Howard College during the scholastic year ending in June last, 31 ministerial students; at the Seminary, Louisville, Ky., 4 from Alabama; 3 at high schools, and one colored student at the Selma University, making a total of 39. In addition to this, quite a number of associations are supporting beneficiaries at High schools independent of the Board. There are now at Howard College 24 ministerial students, at the Theological Seminary from Alabama 11, at High schools 3, and one colored student at Selma, making a total



of 39 to be provided for. We are of opinion that this number will increase before the closing of the session. There are seven more at the Seminary now than last year. From information received, we are sure the number will increase at Howard College, and perhaps at the Seminary.

We need, to prosecute the work successfully, at least \$3,000.00, and could use \$4,000.00 to very great advantage in aiding young men who feel that it is their duty to enter the ministry. As the state of the case now is, we must of necessity require young men to pay part of their expenses, which include board, books, clothing, etc. While we think the rule requiring students to help themselves to some extent a good one, we do find some who are not able financially to supplement their expense account by any payments.

For the first time the Board has adopted the plan of apportioning to the various associations in the State, and we find it has worked admirably, and brought funds into our treasury from churches and associations that have heretofore done nothing for this cause. Even with the improvement, we still find it difficult to secure the amount demanded by the pressing needs of the work.

The Board must rely, in a great measure, on the direct and personal efforts of our ministers. Unless they are zealous and enthusiastic in pushing the enterprise we cannot expect that full measure of success it so richly merits.

We cannot close this report without expressing the most cordial and heartfelt thanks to such brethren, both among the ministry and the laity, as have aided us by contributing and laboring for the success of the Board. Many of them deserve special mention, but it would lengthen our report. We may, however, be allowed to mention one name in connection with our last year's work; we allude to Rev. W. C. Cleveland, D. D. This good brother has given much of his time to visiting churches and associations, and raising funds; not only so, but he has kept up correspondence with the central committee of the Board, and his advice and counsel have been of great benefit in directing affairs.

In conclusion, I must be allowed to say, that for whatever success has attended our efforts since I became president of the Board, more is due to the labor, zeal, fidelity and constant attention of our worthy secretary, Bro. Geo. W. Ellis than to any other. Had it not been for his watchfulness and assistance and consecration to the work, I am sure this report would not be satisfactory to this Convention. While the other members have also been faithful, yet the entire labor has devolved upon him.

Having discharged the duties of president of the Board for the unexpired term of my predecessor, I now submit this annual report and retire from the presidency.

Fraternally submitted,

J. G. HARRIS, Pres.

*The Board of Ministerial Education of the Alabama Baptist State Convention  
in account with* GEO. W. ELLIS, *Secretary and Treasurer, from No-*  
*vember 6, 1897, to November 4, 1891.*

By balance on hand last report—

General Fund .....	\$15 38
Education Colored Ministers.....	86 53
Total.....	\$101 91

By amounts received from—

Livingston Church, per W. G. Curry.....	\$ 15 00
Sunday-School, Livingston Church .....	10 00
Prattville Church, per R. M. Hunter.....	15 15
Providence Church, Selma Association....	37 20
South Bethel Association .....	25 00
Verbena Church, Unity Association .....	38 25
Cuba Church, Bigbee Association .....	10 00
Thomasville Church, per W. A. Parker ...	7 65
M. H. Lane, Jacksonville.....	10 00
Cash collected at convention in Mobile ...	5 00
Mt Pleasant Church, Bethlehem Association	13 05
Midway Church, Eufaula Association.....	10 00
Philadelphia Church Bethlehem Association	10 00
Alabama Association.....	22 25
Union Church, Antioch Association.....	4 95
Fellowship Church, Unity Association ....	5 10
Union Association.....	155 30
Bethlehem Church, Eufaula Association....	2 00
Beulah Church, East Liberty Association...	5 77
Shiloh Church, Bethel Association.....	2 15
Tuscaloosa Church, per W. B. Crumpton...	50 65
Huntsville Church, " " .....	9 50
J. B. Appleton, Collinsville .....	2 00
Orrville Church, Selma Association .....	55 00
Camden Church, per W. N. Huckabee ..	6 15
Rock West Church, " " .....	3 85
Wetumpka Church, Montgomery Ass'n ...	19 10
Mt. Hermon Church, Bigbee Association...	5 00
Concord Church, Pine Barren Ass'n .....	10 00
Valley Creek Church, Unity Association...	7 75
Center Ridge Church, Eufaula Ass'n .....	4 00
Sumterville Church, Bigbee Ass'n .....	10 50
W. B. Crumpton, Sec. State Mis'n Board...	218 42
Misses Anderson, Uniontown.....	5 00
Jemison Church, per A. E. Burns .....	15 00
Grant's Creek Church, Tuscaloosa Ass'n...	15 00
Mrs. T. M. Tartt, Livingston .....	25 00
Robt. B. DeVine, on board at college .....	33 75
Member of Fellowship Church, Pine Barren Association.....	10 00
M. W. Hand, Forkland .....	5 00
Dadeville Church, per G. J. Sorrell.....	15 00
Wilsonville Church, per A. E. Burns....	11 00
S. J. Strock, Harpersville .....	1 00
Zion Church, Bethlehem Association .....	10 00
Woodlawn Church, per F. M. Wood....	10 00
F. M. Wood, Woodlawn.....	5 00

Six Mile Church, Unity Association . . . . .	3 35
Bethel Church, Cahaba Association . . . . .	1 65
Ladies' Benevolent Society, Town Creek Church . . . . .	6 55
Sunday-school, Town Creek Church . . . . .	5 36
Town Creek Church, per W. C. Stewart . . . . .	3 25
Evergreen Church, per J. W. Stewart . . . . .	47 56
M. Crosby, of Catawba Springs Church . . . . .	1 00
First Church, Eufaula . . . . .	100 00
Cahaba Church, Shelby Association . . . . .	2 00
Selma Church, per W. P. Welch . . . . .	80 00
Ladies' Aid Society, Selma Church . . . . .	20 00
Ladies' Aid Society, Pine Apple Church . . . . .	5 70
Horeb Church, South Bethel Association . . . . .	2 00
Amity Church, " " " . . . . .	1 50
Good Hope Church " " " . . . . .	75
Allenton Church, per W. J. Elliott . . . . .	10 00
I. A. White, Orrville . . . . .	5 00
Hamilton Hill Church, Bethlehem Ass'n . . . . .	5 00
Jno. G. Apsey, Knoxville . . . . .	5 00
Sunbeams, Montevallo Church . . . . .	15 00
Montevallo Church, per Thos. J. Williams . . . . .	41 22
Mt. Pleasant Church, Bigbee Ass'n . . . . .	14 90
Columbiana Church, Shelby Ass'n . . . . .	18 00
W. B. Jackson, McKinley . . . . .	1 00
Columbia Church, per W. M. Barr . . . . .	21 50
Roanoke Church, per Jno. P. Shaffer . . . . .	10 00
Perdue Hill Church, Bethlehem Ass'n . . . . .	14 95
Monroeville Church, Bethlehem Ass'n . . . . .	25 00
Deatsville Church, Montgomery Ass'n . . . . .	5 00
Mrs. Emma Johnson, Deatsville . . . . .	5 00
Fort Payne Church, per S. D. Monroe . . . . .	50 20
Talladega Church, per J. A. French . . . . .	25 00
Demopolis Church, per J. J. Bolton . . . . .	5 00
J. T. Caine, Central Mills . . . . .	10 00
Midland City Church, Columbia Ass'n . . . . .	2 00
Clinton Church, Bigbee Ass'n . . . . .	5 00
Tuskegee Church, per G. W. Campbell . . . . .	10 00
Greenwood Church, Centennial Ass'n . . . . .	10 00
Jasper Church, per G. D. O'Rear . . . . .	9 00
T. S. Johnson, Frankville . . . . .	1 00
Pine Apple Church, Pine Barren Ass'n . . . . .	5 00
Catherine Church, per J. T. Rush . . . . .	1 75
North Liberty Association . . . . .	31 45
Mt. Hebron Church, Montgomery Ass'n . . . . .	10 00
Ramah Church, Montgomery Ass'n . . . . .	5 00
Mt. Zion Church, Montgomery Ass'n . . . . .	5 00
Arkadelphia Church, Conecuh Ass'n . . . . .	2 50
Mt. Carmel Church, Conecuh Ass'n . . . . .	5 00
Ebenezer Church, Pine Barren Ass'n . . . . .	10 00
Pilgrim's Rest Church, Columbia Ass'n . . . . .	5 00
Good Hope Church, Salem Association . . . . .	5 00
St. Francis Street Church, Mobile . . . . .	168 60
Fellowship Church, Pine Barren Ass'n . . . . .	2 50
Bethany Church, Montgomery Ass'n . . . . .	5 00
Jacksonville Church, per P. D. Ross . . . . .	10 60
Rehoboth Church, Bigbee Ass'n . . . . .	10 00
J. H. Marbury, Bozeman . . . . .	25 00

Friendship Church, Pine Barren Ass'n.....	6 60
Ebenezer Church, Unity Association .....	14 90
Ladies' Aid Society, Ebenezer Church, .. Unity Association .....	10 00
Sunday-school, Ebenezer Church, Unity Association.....	7 00
Sunbeams, Ebenezer Church, Unity Ass'n..	1 10
Providence Church, East Liberty Ass'n ...	2 65
Union Church, Central Association .....	1 25
Enon Church, Pine Barren Ass'n.....	2 50
Friendship Church, Montgomery Ass'n ....	2 00
Clanton Church, per W. L. Sampey...	2 50
Sunbeams, Clanton Church.....	2 50
R. M. Hunter, Clanton ..	2 50
T. C. Gaston, Whistler .....	1 00
Sunday school, Six Mile Church.....	3 11
Selma Association, per W. B. Crumpton....	43 05
Center Ridge Church, Selma Association, per W. B. Crumpton.....	11 00
Pleasant Hill Church, Selma Association, per W. B. Crumpton.....	10 00
Claiborne Church, Bethlehem Ass'n .....	5 00
W. G. Robertson, Carrollton .....	6 71
Shiloh Church, Troy Association.....	4 25
Ozark Church, per R. Deal.....	3 92
Sunbeams, Prattville Church ..	5 00
Pine Barren Ass'n, per J. W. Purifoy ..	17 00
Bozeman Church, per Marbury & Jones....	16 47
East Liberty Association, per W. C. Bledsoe	62 68
Central Association.....	6 65
Harris Association.....	8 01
Newton Association.....	18 00
Sunbeams, Ozark Church .....	10 00
East Harmony Association .....	14 55
First Church, Montgomery.....	61 25
Haw Ridge Association .....	11 00
Evergreen Church, Unity Ass'n .....	5 00
Ladies' Aid Society, Evergreen Church, Unity Association.....	1 50
Eufaula Association.....	14 35
Judson Sunbeams, Verbena....	2 10
Montgomery Ass'n, per W. B. Crumpton...	23 00
Cababa " " " ".....	34 56
Bethlehem " " " ".....	49 10
Conecuh " " " ".....	80 61
Adams Street Church, Montgomery.....	25 00
W. B. Crumpton, Secretary for education of colored students .....	1 00—\$2,600 61

**To amounts disbursed, as follows :**

Howard College, balance for session of 1890-91 .....	\$ 1,376 05
Students' Fund at Seminary, session of 1890-91 .....	200 00
E. H. Perry beneficiary South Bethel Assn	25 00
J. H. Longcrier, Six Mile High School ....	69 00
J. N. Belton, Lincoln High School .....	25 00
Howard College, session 1891-92.....	500 00



Students' Fund at Seminary, session 1891-92.....	100 00
Expenses of members attending Associations and Board meeting.....	35 82
Stationery, postage and printing ...	27 60
Express, exchange, and registration fees..	1 48
S. W. Bachellor, colored, at Selma University ...	25 00
Services of Secretary and Treasurer, one year.....	150 00—\$2,534 95
Leaving balance of general fund.....\$	3 13
Colored Fund.....	62 53—\$ 65 66

I hereby certify that the foregoing account is correct.

GEO. W. ELLIS,

Secretary and Treasurer of the Board.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 4, 1891.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

24. The report of the Board of Directors was read and the action of said Board approved and confirmed, as follows:

#### REPORT OF DIRECTORS.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alabama Baptist State Convention duly called, which was held in Selma, Alabama, on Thursday, March 5, 1891, there were present: Jonathan Haralson, President, H. S. D. Mallory, Law Lamar, W. P. Welch, T. M. Johnston, and M. A. Keith; and the following resolutions were adopted, to-wit:

*Whereas*, On the 30th day of June, 1887, the trustees of Howard College executed a mortgage to J. T. Murfee on the real estate in Marion, Perry County, Alabama, known as the President's house, and which is fully described in said mortgage, to secure a debt therein named, of \$1,632.29 from said trustees to said Murfee, payable on the 15th day of October, 1887, which mortgage is recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of said county, in book of deeds and mortgages, number 32, on pages 281, 282 and 283, and which mortgage and the land therein described, the said Murfee, for value received, did (in writing entered on the back of said mortgage, duly executed in the presence of two witnesses) grant, bargain and sell to Jonathan Haralson, in trust for the Alabama Baptist State Convention, together with all the rights and powers in said mortgage contained; and,

*Whereas*, A contract of sale has been made by the trustees of Howard College to J. W. Crenshaw of said real estate in said mortgage contained and described, for the sum of twelve hundred dollars; and



*Whereas*, We, the directors of said Alabama Baptist State Convention, believe that to be a fair price for the property, and that it is best for the same to be sold to said Crenshaw for that price;

*Be it therefore ordered and directed*, That, upon the payment to him of said sum of twelve hundred dollars, the said Jonathan Haralson, as such trustee, for and in the name of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, execute and deliver to said Crenshaw a quit-claim deed, conveying to him all the right, title and interest of the said Alabama Baptist State Convention, in and to said real estate acquired under said mortgage or otherwise, and that he pay the same over to the Treasurer of said convention, and that the said Treasurer invest the same in bonds of the State of Alabama, or other good, sufficient and safe securities, to be held as a part of the permanent endowment of Howard College, which, with the increase thereof, shall be under the control and direction of said convention, as directed by the act amending the act incorporating the Alabama Baptist State Convention, approved February 22, 1887, Acts 1886-7, pp. 621-2-3.

25. The report of the Board of Trustees of Howard College was read by the Secretary of the convention, as follows:

*To the Alabama Baptist State Convention:*

"The Board of Trustees of THE HOWARD COLLEGE" submits for your information and consideration the facts appertaining to the operation of your college, and the work of the Board since the last report as follows:

Since your last session, the main college building has been completed and was occupied during the latter part of the last scholastic year for academic purposes. It was an immense gratification to the faculty, students and friends of the college, that the Commencement Exercises were had in the spacious chapel of the college building. When our limited resources are considered, the building for its purposes is one of the most commodious, and one of the best arranged in the country. In one thing only is there disappointment. When all our means set apart and raised to pay for the erection of the building, and putting in it the heating apparatus have been applied, there is a deficit of four thousand, two hundred and sixty-two dollars and forty-four cents (\$4,262.44) due and owing to the contractor and the party that put in the heating apparatus. This deficit resulted from the many things that no foresight can provide against in all large enterprises, and from the failure of friends to pay subscriptions the Board expected would be paid. This deficit must be provided for. Those who have given must give again. Before the main building was completed, two dormitory buildings, each containing eight living

rooms, made of brick and covered with slate, were completed and occupied. To pay for these dormitories it was necessary to hypothecate the notes of contributors with Mr. Calvary Williams for about \$2,000. During the summer vacation, appreciating the heavy drain on the receipts of the college to rent buildings, Dr. Purser attempted to meet the large expectations of the faculty and Board of Trustees for the present year by arranging to build two additional dormitories of the same dimensions as the ones first built. He was fortunate in finding that Mr. Richards, the contractor who had built the college building, would construct the new dormitories and wait with the Board until the spring of 1892 to be paid. To further meet the wants of the college, the "old dormitory buildings" erected originally as a temporary home for the students, was during the summer thoroughly repaired, repainted, and made more comfortable than it was when first built. The rooms have been made very comfortable—so much so that a young man would be very fastidious who could now complain. Believing that the comfort of the students would be further materially enhanced by a more desirable mess hall than was afforded by the building hitherto used for that purpose, the building once used for chapel and recitation purposes has been altered and fitted up so as to furnish a dining hall thirty-five feet by sixty feet in dimensions. We have been thus far by means of these improvements and changes able to furnish accommodations for all who have entered the college. As soon as arrangements can be made it is our purpose, the Giver of all good and the people of Alabama willing and aiding, to construct other dormitories and to furnish other facilities. The Board gratefully acknowledges the aid given by the brethren and friends of the church at Columbia, in Henry county, by which the money to pay for the chairs with which the chapel has been furnished has been provided. Since the middle of July last, Dr. Purser has procured in cash and subscriptions for the Dormitory Fund and college repairs, \$7,500. He has, in this work, and in the oversight of the work at the college, been indefatigable. He has been everywhere; he has seen everybody that could be seen. If the college succeeds, it will be his success, and the friends of the college who appreciate his great labors ought to erect to his honor the largest dormitory house to be built and call it "Purser Hall." Who will do it? While gratefully acknowledging the gifts everywhere made, the Board makes special mention of the purpose of East Liberty Association to build a dormitory to be called "East Liberty Hall," and for which a large part of the funds has already been promised. The Board also gratefully makes mention of the purpose of the Conecuh Association to build a dormitory to be called "Travis Hall." What other Association will do likewise?

The Board mentions among the things especially needed, a science hall, new chemical and philosophical apparatus, museums of geology and mineralogy, and many other things to bring the college

abreast with the material progress of the times. This is a work for the wealthy and more advanced in education to seriously consider.

It is a cause of pride and pleasure to report the fact that with all the emarrassments surrounding the college and obstructing its operations during the scholastic year 1890-91, two hundred and six (206) students matriculated—the largest number in the history of the college, and that notwithstanding a large number of the students paid no tuition, the expenses of the college were all paid or provided for by the revenue from tuition and board. The discipline of the college was excellent, order was good, and the work done by the professors and students unequalled in quality and quantity. In the presence of richly endowed colleges, the attempt to operate a first-class unendowed institution of learning seems audacious, and our success is due mainly to the loyalty of Baptists and the tireless vigilance and work of Dr. Riley and his able co-laborers. All that can be done to bring to the attention of the people the superior claims of your college has been done by Dr. Riley. If he and his associates do not accomplish all you expect them to do, bear with them, speak kindly of them, and your expectations will in the end be realized. Already for the years 1891-92, one hundred and sixty-three (163) students have matriculated, and the fault-finder will have to go far to find a finer, better and more splendid body of young men. Professors and students have entered upon their work with zeal and great efficiency.

We regret to report that Prof. A. D. Smith, for ten years professor of the higher mathematics in the college, and one of the most capable and thorough teachers in the South in his department, has resigned the chair of mathematics to accept more remunerative employment. As much as this is regretted, it may be expected to occur as often as more tempting offers are made to our experienced professors, and their loyalty is overcome by hope deferred of increased remuneration.

We have further to report that the terms for which they were elected as members of the Board of Trustees have expired in the cases of John W. Johnston, B. L. Hibbard, W. C. Ward, G. R. Farnham, W. N. Reeyes, Joseph Shackelford, John M. McKleroy and W. T. Hendon, and that vacancies have occurred by resignation in the cases of J. C. Bush, M. B. Wharton, M. B. Swanson and James T. Fitzgerald, and that the place of our Bro. N. F. Miles has been made vacant by his death. Thirteen vacancies in the Board of Trustees are to be filled at this session of the Convention. Much wisdom should be exercised in your selections.

It is suggested that as a matter of information to the people, it may be well to publish in the minutes of the Convention the charter of the college, with its several amendments from time to time made thereto. It will serve to illustrate to some extent the work of the Convention with the college.



And now, brethren, Baptists of Alabama, allow the Board to say that in this educational uplifting of Baptist people there must be no hesitation, no halting, no desertion. There is no discharge in this war; there must be none. You are enlisted for life and eternity. Having laid the hand to the plow, look not back; having turned the back on past failures and delinquencies, and heart-burnings and fault-findings, steadily and hopefully look to the future and expect and pray and work for the greatest success that ever crowned the gifts, prayers and self-denials of God's poor—a posterity redeemed and glorified by saving grace and religious education.

WM. C. WARD,

President Board of Trustees of Howard College.

The convention was addressed by B. F. Riley, J. M. Frost, D. I. Purser and B. H. Crumpton.

26. The following resolution, offered by W. C. Cleveland, was adopted:

*Whereas*, The matter of the establishment of denominational high schools as feeders to our denominational colleges is being discussed and has been in the minds of brethren in various parts of the State, therefore,

*Resolved*, That a committee consisting of B. F. Riley, S. W. Averett, Wm. Harris, A. W. McGaha and J. J. Taylor, be appointed to draft a report to be presented at the next session of this convention.

27. The following resolution was offered by F. S. Moody:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by the President, at his leisure, to be known as the committee on Religious Influences in non-denominational Institutions of Higher Learning, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the advisability of the church doing something to develop religious character in the students of the State University, the Agricultural and Mechanical College, and in other non-denominational institutions of higher learning in Alabama.

The resolution was discussed by F. S. Moody and J. A. Foster, and the Convention adjourned without action.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT.

28. A mass meeting in the interest of the Centennial of Missions was held with George B. Eager presiding. Addresses were made by J. M. Frost, J. Wm. Jones, J. C. Hiden and George B. Eager.



29. On motion of P. T. Hale, after discussion by W. B. Crumpton, W. P. Harvey, A. J. Dickinson, J. O. Hixson, and M. H. Lane, a cash collection was taken amounting to \$42.12.

#### SATURDAY MORNING.

30. Devotional Exercises were conducted by W. J. Elliott.

31. The pending question, the resolution of F. S. Moody, was, after discussion by Wm. Harris and J. O. Hixson, on motion of J. C. Hiden laid on the table by a vote of 25 to 20.

32. The report of Board of Trustees of Judson Female Institute was read by W. B. Crumpton, as follows:

We have the honor to submit the report of the fifty-third annual session of the Judson Female Institute.

The session began October 1st, 1890, and ended June 11th, 1891. There were employed two gentlemen and eleven ladies as teachers, and three other ladies as officers of the Home Department, in all, sixteen teachers and officers. Good standards of scholarship have been maintained and the best methods of teaching have been used. The government and general management have inspired the students with affection for the institution and its patrons with confidence. We have had every reason to be satisfied with the services rendered by the faculty.

The number of students in attendance was 186, distributed as follows: In the Preparatory Department, 41; in the Collegiate Department, 141, Post Graduates, 4.

One hundred and thirty-seven students boarded in the buildings; 121 studied music; 29 studied art; 16 belonged to the class of irregulars; 2 took lessons in typewriting, and 18 in elocution.

The number of volumes in the Library are 1632.

#### COMMENCEMENT.

The last commencement was an occasion of great interest. Large crowds gathered in Marion to witness the public exercises, many persons arriving some days before they commenced. The attendance was good throughout the season, June 6th to June 12th. Twelve young ladies graduated with the full diploma; one graduated in the Eclectic Course; and four in Piano studies and Theory of Music; and one received the Excelsior Medal. The public exercises gave evidence that the teaching had been done wisely and received profitably, and that the training in all departments had been eminently successful. We are pleased to note that the commencement has

grown to be regarded as one of the anniversaries of the Baptists of Alabama. The program attracts many persons who are interested in the school and in the pupils and teachers. The gathering of large numbers of our brethren from our own State and from other States, has added to these occasions of late years, the element of social enjoyment, now a prominent feature, delightful to those who have the honor of entertaining and apparently very pleasant to the commencement visitor.

#### HEALTH.

The health of the school has been excellent. There was not one case of serious sickness among the pupils during the entire session, and not one of the teachers lost as much as two days from sickness. On the other hand, many young ladies have told us that they enjoy better health at the Judson than they do at home. The location, the prudent division of time into periods of work, refreshment, exercise and rest, forming as they do the daily routine, and the association together of a large number of young persons, occupying comfortable buildings and ample and well kept grounds ought to be promotive of their health and happiness. In the case of a very large majority of our pupils this is the fact.

#### ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

The recent and complete equipment of furniture and musical instruments, reported at your last session, has made it unnecessary for us to incur any great expense in that direction this year. We have paid for all the furniture that we have bought and for all the musical instruments. The improvements consist chiefly in the enlargement of the study hall of the Collegiate Department. It accommodates now one hundred and fifty students. The additions are, in the main, folding top desks for the new part of the study hall, and some philosophical and chemical apparatus.

#### THE BOARD.

The President, our brother, John Moore, tendered his resignation at the Board's session the 9th day of last June. We record the fact that he presided over our body during the period of the severest trials of this institution, and that he remained faithfully at his post till its success seemed to be assured. We desire also to make mention of his devotion to the school and of his wisdom in council. By the conditions of the charter it becomes the duty of the Convention to elect his successor and also to choose a president for us.

We submit also a classification of the Trustees according to their terms of office.

J. B. Lovelace, W. W. Wilkerson, term expires in 1893.

John Moore, J. H. Marbury, term expires in 1895.

J. C. Bush, J. P. Shaffer, term expires in 1897.

H. A. Haralson, B. F. Ellis, term expires in 1899.

T. T. Daughdrill, W. B. Crumpton, term expires in 1901.

C. C. Huckabee, W. P. Welch, term expires in 1903.

W. T. Smith, G. B. Eager, term expires in 1905.

## THE PROSPECT.

The fifty-fourth session has opened well, the financial condition of the country considered. There are at this date 150 students enrolled, of whom 115 are boarders in the buildings. We have 30 more boarders than we thought in September we should have.

While the different departments are sustaining themselves well, all of them, the Art Department is conspicuous for the impulse it has received. Its students are nearly twice as many as we had anticipated. If the department shall continue to grow for a year as it has done within the last month, it will be necessary to provide for it a large studio, and it will be greatly for its interests to furnish an elaborate series of art studies of every approved kind.

## GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

We have been encouraged in all directions. The brethren throughout our State and those residing in adjacent States have given us liberally of their patronage and other assurances of their interest in our work. Some have resisted importunity to bestow their patronage elsewhere for reasons of personal convenience, distance, railroad connections and economy of outlay considered. But they have been very kind to our school in giving us the preference, notwithstanding. We would thank all the patrons of the Judson for their co-operation.

We would not conclude this report without an acknowledgment of our dependence upon our Heavenly Father for all the good we have received of every sort, and for anything we have been able to do worthy of mention in the Convention.

For health of the teachers and scholars, for the good work they have done, for the preservation of our property, for the measure in which we have been enabled to meet our obligations, we return to Him our grateful thanks.

We have the honor to be your obedient servants,

W. W. WILKERSON,

J. B. LOVELACE,

Acting President.

Secretary.

The Convention was addressed on the subject by S. W. Averett, J. Wm. Jones, J. M. Frost, J. A. French, George E. Brewer, B. H. Crumpton, W. B. Crumpton, George B. Eager, and M. H. Lane.

33. The report on Sunday Schools was read by J. H. Foster, Jr., Chairman, as follows:

We believe that it is impossible to lay too much stress upon the importance of the establishment of Sabbath-schools in our churches.



It is useless to say to people familiar with this work that it is one of the chief sources for the maintenance of the churches. Some idea of its importance, both in the cultivation of a mission spirit and in the increase of the church membership, may be arrived at by noticing some figures reached by the examination of reports from 75 churches with, and 175 without, Sunday-schools. Those with Sunday-schools have 5,273 members. During one year they report one baptism for every ten members. For missions and ministerial education they report thirty-three cents to the member. While those without Sabbath-schools report 5,114 members, but only one Baptism for every thirty members, and four cents a piece to missions and ministerial education. The difference in these figures is not due entirely to the absence of Sabbath-schools, but it is largely due to this fact.

We believe that there is need of greater zeal in the prosecution of this work.

We cannot insist too strongly that the officers and teachers of our Sabbath-schools be men who lead consistent Christian lives. We refer the Convention to the action taken by our Southern Baptist Convention in the establishment of a Sunday-school Board, and recommend that the Sabbath-schools throughout this State use the literature known as the "Kind Words" series, and published under the auspices of Southern Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FOSTER, JR.,  
G. B. EAGER,  
J. M. FORTUNE,  
A. T. SIMMS,  
J. S. E. ROBINSON,  
Committee.

The Convention was addressed by P. L. Moseley and J. M. Frost, and pending a discussion as to the recommendation in the report, participated in by J. J. Taylor, G. B. Eager, J. H. Foster, Jr., J. A. French, D. I. Purser, G. S. Anderson, J. M. Frost, A. J. Dickinson, J. O. Hixson, and T. H. Stout, the Convention adjourned.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

34. The report on Sunday Schools was further discussed by G. S. Anderson, J. M. Frost, J. J. Taylor, G. E. Brewer, A. J. Dickinson, J. O. Hixson, D. I. Purser, M. H. Lane, B. H. Crumpton, J. H. Foster, Jr., and after prayer by W. R. Ivey, the report was adopted.



35. The report of the Bible and Colportage Board was read by W. E. Hudmon, President, as follows:

The following statement shows the present condition of the business of the Board:

Resources on hand, as reported November 1, 1890 .....	\$3,245 15
Less clerical error in inventory.....	\$100 00
Less donation account. ....	55 64
Less depreciation of stock. ....	112 86
	<hr/> 268 50
Making actual resources November 1, 1890.....	\$2,976 65
Contributions from Associations, Churches and Sunday Schools .....	673 79
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Making total resources.....	\$3,650 41
We have in stock, as per inventory.....	\$1,907 03
Due by Colporteurs.....	1,072 75
Sundry accounts due on books received from State Mission Board.....	339 15
Accounts due by sundry parties. ....	258 45
Cash in bank.....	239 77
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Present indebtedness.....	\$3,817 15
	738 45
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Making present worth.....	\$3,078 70

Total sales of Board for twelve months..... \$5,753 24

The expenses of the Board..... \$1,351 57

We have now in our employ twelve Colporteurs, with others who will be equipped for work as soon as we feel able to do so.

Colporteurs have sold 2,655 books, to the value of \$1,818.52. They have found 2,385 families without Bibles; have given away Bibles and Testaments to the value of \$44.72; distributed 8,000 pages of tracts; visited 10,235 families and 118 churches. To accomplish this work they have traveled 7,010 miles, including a service of 940 days. The above is the work of five Colporteurs, the reports of seven Colporteurs having failed to reach the Secretary's office in time.

We now solicit, as we did a year ago, orders from our Sunday Schools for all the literature needed. Only 268 Sunday Schools have ordered their literature through the Board the past year, which is a considerable increase over last year; yet this is too small a per cent of the seven or eight hundred schools in the State. Let it be distinctly understood that the Bible and Colportage Board takes no part in the controversy as to what kind of literature our schools should use. On strictly business principles, we ask to have Sunday School literature—whether the Kind Words series, or the American Baptist Publication Society's—ordered through us. All orders for Sunday School literature, Bibles, Testaments, hymn books, tracts,

and all other kinds of religious literature will receive prompt and careful attention upon the part of our Secretary, at Opelika, Ala.

Notwithstanding the work of the Board done during the past year has been remarkably successful, considering the very small means at its command, yet it has not been such as to meet the wants of the vast field open before it. If the churches will contribute even as much as \$2,500 during the next twelve months to this work, we can accomplish that of which all Christians will be proud. As we understand it, the work of this Board is missionary work of the highest and most important character. Will this Convention here and now say to us that we may expect contributions commensurate with the pressing necessities of the work?

In concluding this report we beg to lay before the Convention the question of the advisability of putting a Corresponding Secretary in the field. We propose a more progressive policy, if possible, which may involve the employment of a Secretary actively engaged in presenting the claims of the Board to the denomination throughout the State. We ask your counsel on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. HUDMON, President.

J. B. COLLIER, Secretary.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT.

36. The report on Home Missions was read by W. G. Curry, as follows:

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

When we survey the work of the Home Mission Board—what it has already accomplished, and the bright and brightening prospects in every department of its work—we cannot fail to see how richly the blessing of God rests upon this agency for disseminating His truth.

The last report of the Board to the Southern Baptist Convention shows most gratifying results.

Increase is shown all along the line of its work. We glean from the report the following encouraging facts: Workers employed this year, 406, against 370 last year; an increase of 36. The results of labor show a corresponding increase. Baptisms this year, 5,349, a gain of 872 over the preceding year. The additions to Mission churches last year were 8,098; this year, 9,987; a gain of 1,889. Church houses built last year, 84; this year, 143; a gain of 59. The sum expended in their erection last year was \$37,324.85; this year it aggregates \$60,473.00.

Yet, with these figures before us, showing how unmistakably the blessing of God is resting upon this department of Christian effort, our churches have not risen to a full appreciation of the magnitude and importance of the work of the Home Mission Board. The con-

tributions of the churches are far below what they should be. Our rapidly increasing population, the widening of the territory of the Board, and the heavy pressure now being brought to bear upon it, appeal loudly to us for immediate relief.

Your committee would place special emphasis upon the work now being done in Cuba. No work committed to the hands of Southern Baptists has been so signally blessed of God as this. It is simply marvelous! When we look at the wonderful results which have been accomplished on that island, through the labors of our brother, Diaz, we cannot but exclaim in astonishment, "What hath God wrought!"

Now, in order that the work so happily begun in Cuba, and so successfully prosecuted, be not hindered, it is of the highest importance that the debt now resting upon our magnificent church property in Havana, should at once be liquidated. The amount necessary to be raised by the 1st of December, to complete the payment on the Havana house is \$35,000. Of this amount Alabama is asked to raise \$3,000. We therefore earnestly recommend that steps now be taken for raising the amount apportioned to us.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. CURRY, Ch'n.

Your committee to whom was referred the consideration of the relations of the State Mission Board and Bible and Colportage Board, beg leave to report:

Whereas, The Bible and Colportage Board is embarrassed for want of funds with which to prosecute the work assigned it by the Convention, be it

*Resolved*, 1st. That the churches be requested to raise \$4,000 for the Bible and Colportage Board during the next conventional year.

*Resolved*, 2nd. That the State Mission Board be authorized and instructed to press the claims of the Bible and Colportage Work, as a missionary enterprise worthy of the contributions of our people, along with Foreign, Home and State Missions, and turn over to the Bible and Colportage Board all such funds as shall be designated for it, together with its pro rata share of all undesignated funds.

JNO. P. SHAFFER, Ch'n.

The Convention was addressed by J. J. Taylor and J. Wm. Jones, and the report was adopted.

37. The President announced the standing committees to report at next session as they appear on second page of cover.

38. The report of committee on Relations of State Mission Board and Bible and Colportage Board was read by John P. Shaffer, Chairman, as follows:



(For this report see page 32, following Report on Home Missions.)

The Convention was addressed by George B. Eager and J. P. Shaffer.

An amendment was offered by G. A. Hornady, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Bible and Colportage Board be instructed to inaugurate as soon as practicable "The Children's Day" in connection with its work.

The report and amendment were discussed by E. F. Baber, J. J. Taylor, J. Wm. Jones, T. H. Stout, W. B. Crumpton, M. H. Lane and Catt Smith, and both were adopted.

#### SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

39. The report of the Central Committee on Woman's Work was read by D. I. Purser, and adopted, as follows:

The second year's progress has been satisfactory. Interest in the work has steadily increased, and opposition proportionally subsided.

Since your last meeting the efforts of your committee, in addition to usual mission and church aid, have been directed toward securing a Christmas offering for North China, sending boxes of clothing, etc., to frontier missionaries, and securing the support of Cuban girls in Diaz's Havana school. To all of these calls the societies have promptly and liberally responded.

The coming year will bring in the Centennial movement. It is hoped and confidently expected that the women of Alabama will lend the help of their hands and hearts to this great work.

Contributed by societies since November last, and reported through Central committee:

Home Missions.....	\$1499 57
Foreign Missions.....	966 84½
State Missions.....	630 12
Church aid.....	4000 77½
Widows and Orphans' Home.....	300 00

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Total.....\$7397 31

As against last year..... 5963 50

Letters written.....	1213
Postals written.....	109
Letters received.....	442
Postals received.....	73



Leaflets, Prayer Cards, etc., distributed.....	4365
Mission and Aid Societies in 1890.....	111
New Mission and Aid Societies .....	41
Mission and Aid Societies in 1891.....	152
Sunbeam Bands in 1890.....	28
New Sunbeam Bands.....	19
Sunbeam Bands in 1891.....	47

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. I. C. BROWN,  
Corresponding Secretary.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

### ALABAMA ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions.....	\$ 6 00	
		\$ 6 00

### ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Home Missions.....	\$ 24 00	
" " Foreign Missions.....	5 00	
" " Church Aid.....	25 00	
	-----	\$ 54 00

### BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Home Missions.....	\$ 2 50	
" " Foreign Missions.....	25 15	
" " State Missions .....	2 50	
" " Church Aid.....	107 10	
	-----	\$ 137 25

### BETHLEHEM ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Home Missions.....	\$ 8 50	
" " Foreign Missions.....	10 90	
" " State Missions.....	6 00	
" " Church Aid.....	22 70	
	-----	\$ 48 10

### BIG BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions.....	\$ 5 00	
	-----	\$ 5 00

### BIGEE ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Home Missions.....	\$181 56	
" " Foreign Missions.....	76 30	
" " State Missions.....	266 35	
" " Church Aid.....	293 90	
	-----	\$ 818 11

### BIRMINGHAM ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Home Missions.....	\$529 60	
" " Foreign Missions.....	182 32	
" " State Missions .....	22 25	
" " Church Aid.....	1309 87	
	-----	\$ 2043 84

## CANADA ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to	Home Missions...	\$ 8 45	
"	Foreign Missions.....	38 00	
"	Church Aid.....	200 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 247 35

## CAREY ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to	Home Missions.....	\$ 2 36	
"	Foreign Missions.....	5 00	
"	Church Aid.....	20 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 27 36

## COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to	Home Missions.....	\$ 81 65	
"	Foreign Missions.....	110 33	
"	Church Aid.....	266 50	
		<hr/>	\$ 458 48

## CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to	Foreign Missions.....	\$ 9 00	
"	Church Aid.....	11 10	
		<hr/>	\$ 20 10

## CONECUH ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to	Home Missions.....	\$194 15	
"	Foreign Missions.....	137 20	
"	State Missions.....	10 00	
"	Church Aid .....	62 50	
		<hr/>	\$ 403 85

## CULLMAN ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to	Foreign Missions .....	\$ 50	
		<hr/>	\$ 50

## EAST LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to	Home Missions.....	\$115 93	
"	Foreign Missions.....	35 39	
"	State Missions.....	4 95	
"	Church Aid.....	49 75	
		<hr/>	\$ 206 02

## EUFAULA ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to	Home Missions.....	\$ 49 50	
"	Foreign Missions.....	56 04	
"	Church Aid.....	45 50	
		<hr/>	\$ 151 04

## ETOWAH ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to	Home Missions.....	\$ 8 21	
"	Foreign Missions.....	3 69	
"	Church Aid .....	20 60	
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## HARRIS ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to	Home Missions.....	\$ 14 10	
"	Foreign Missions.....	64 45	
"	Church Aid.....	301 85	
		<hr/>	\$ 380 40

## LIBERTY (NORTH).

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions.....	\$ 5 00	
		\$ 5 00

## MOBILE ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Home Missions.....	\$ 6 25	
" " Foreign Missions.....	9 60	
" " State Missions .....	137 05	
" " Church aid.....	275 05	
		\$ 427 95

## MONTGOMERY ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Home Missions.....	\$ 77 00	
" " Foreign Missions.....	30 00	
" " State Missions.....	18 00	
		\$ 125 00

## NEWTON ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Home Missions .....	\$ 25 00	
" " Church aid.....	18 00	
		\$ 43 00

## PINE BARREN ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Home Missions.....	\$ 10 17	
" " Foreign Missions.....	18 67	
" " State Missions.....	18 36	
" " Church aid.....	3 80	
		\$ 51 00

## SELMA ASSOCIATION.

Bethany church, Collirene.....	\$ 4 00
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## SOUTH BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions.....	\$ 20 00	
" " Church aid.....	60 00	
		\$ 80 00

## SHELBY ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Home Missions.....	\$ 11 10	
" " Foreign Missions.....	37 00	
" " State Missions.....	10 00	
" " Church aid.....	10 00	
		\$ 68 10

## SELMA ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Home Missions.....	\$110 80	
" " Foreign Missions.....	26 87	
" " State Missions.....	62 86	
" " Church aid.....	67 50	
		\$ 268 03

## TUSKEGEE ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Home Missions.....	\$ 7 90	
" " Foreign Missions.....	15 30	
" " State Missions.....	23 70	
		\$ 46 90

## TUSKALOOSA ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Home Missions .....	\$ 5 00	
" " Foreign Missions.....	10 00	
" " Church aid.....	557 25	
	-----	\$ 572 25

## TENNESSEE RIVER.

Amount contributed to Home Missions.....	\$ 3 95	
" " Church aid.....	4 30	
	-----	\$ 8 25

## TALLASAHATCHIE AND TEN ISLANDS ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Church aid.....	\$ 36 85	
	-----	\$ 36 85

## UNION ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Home Missions.....	\$ 5 75	
" " Foreign Missions.....	12 11	
" " State Missions .....	2 50	
" " Church aid.....	49 70	
	-----	\$ 70 06

## UNITY ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to State Missions.....	\$ 9 00	
" " Church aid.....	27 65	
	-----	\$ 36 65

## ZION ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Church aid.....	\$184 00	
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## Collections taken at the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union:

Home Missions.....	\$ 14 50	
Foreign Missions.....	14 50	
	-----	\$ 29 00
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		\$7.096 14

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GEO. M. MORROW, Treasurer.

40. The report on Woman's Work was read by D. I. Purser, chairman of the committee, as follows:

*To the Alabama Baptist State Convention :*

The report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Central Committee on Woman's Work shows an increase over last year's work of forty-one new societies, and nineteen new Sun-beam bands organized ; also an increase over last year in cash, actually paid in, of \$1,133.81. This is no mean work; it shows a progressive growth worthy of our progressive State. The number of letters written, and of leaflets distributed, shows an energy and zeal, just such as



might be expected from hearts aglow with the love of Christ. We thank our women for their brave help, and feel that were our Saviour present on earth, he would again say, "She hath done what she could." How have our women done this great thing? Not as "laborers worthy of their hire." Paul asks (1st Cor. 9:7), "Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges?" We answer right here in Alabama, among our women, who, "without fee or reward," amid the busy cares of wifehood and of motherhood, have snatched from sleep and from pleasure's calls, time and money to help us do our Master's work. Brethren, shall we not encourage them in their vigorous efforts to "go forward" in their Centennial work? We need not devise ways and means for them. Love's ways are ever many, and wondrous and wise. Who loveth like woman? Whose brain so fertile as hers? She will plan wisely and well. Let us not hinder her. Let us encourage her in her God-given work until there shall be a Mission Society in every church, and a Sun-beam band in every Sunday-school in our State; and let us thank God for this help, so meet for us, so suitable to us, which he has so compassionately provided. But while we encourage them in all that is womanly and Heaven-appointed, let us not fail to raise a warning voice against an evil which is coming down to us, like a cold wave from the North and East, stupefying and benumbing our moral faculties, and causing many to call evil good, and good evil. Baptist pulpits, Baptist associations, Baptist conventions, have all spoken out freely and unmistakably against other wrongs, such as the whiskey traffic, gambling, and Sabbath desecration, etc., and why should we now be slow to join our Broadus, our Eaton, our Hawthorne, our Harvey, and many others in crying out against this monster which now croucheth, like a lion, at our doors? Loudly and long has Christ's church bewailed the drawing away of our women from the calls of home and womanly duties by Dames Fashion and Pleasure. But to-day, a danger threatens our hearth-stones from another direction. Some of our women are showing themselves true daughters of Eve, and are beguiled and deceived into the transgression. Seeking "to be wise," to be "as God," to do good and not evil, they have fallen into a delusion and a snare, not so much because their hearts are wrong, as because they have followed, like Eve, false guides and teachers. Whether the root of this evil lies in social reforms, or in false teachings in our schools, where our daughters are taught to show off themselves, in calisthenic drills, etc.; or whether it finds its most genial soil in church fairs, and amateur theatricals, gotten up in the name of "the church," "sweet charity" and "temperance," are questions to be thought over seriously and prayerfully, and solved in the light of God's word.

It has been rightly said that nothing is more false than Baptist statistics. We have given you some figures of woman's church

work in our State. We are sorry we cannot append to this report some other figures, showing the number of faithful Eunices and Loises, who are staying at home doing good, statistics of many women who are not idly biding the time when the boys will weary of "sowing their wild oats," and the girls will marry out of the ball-room, but who are following the Bible plan by "training up their children in the way they should go." Brethren, let us follow the Bible plan, and remember "like people, like priest." May it not be possible that at our door, as ministers of God, lies the sin of partially declaring his will? We have been so anxious about the heathen on foreign shores, so anxious about the debts of the State and Home Boards, so anxious to have our churches show a creditable and praise-worthy report at our Conventions; we have so keenly felt the need of woman in all this, that it seems not impossible for us to have fallen into the error (both in the pulpit and in pastoral visits) of persuading her away from the quieter walks of life, from the place no other can fill, into those channels from which she has drifted into the pulpit, the bar, and the ballot-box. We hear of elderly Rachels "weeping for their children," mourning that no matter how enticingly they arrange the sitting-room, the grown up children will go to the clubs, the theaters, the balls, often leaving them in sorrow and anxiety at home alone until a late hour of the night. We see the boys wandering into paths of sin and shame, and our hearts cry out because of the great need of the world for true men; and yet we preach not

"That work is the usefulest and noblest  
Which ministers daily to the life God has given."

We sing "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world," and we see the little ones left to the tender mercies of the hireling, or sent away to the "Kindergarten," because the mothers, to whom God has trusted them, are so misled in regard to their Christian duty, they have "no time to look after the children." We see it, and we rebuke it not.

A quarter of a century ago, we fought hard battles, endured great hardships, for our homes and hearthstones. Did we lose our bravery and our common-sense, when we furled our banners and came back to mourn a "lost cause?" To-day these same hearthstones are in greater jeopardy than ever they were from vandal hands. The homes of our children, the Alabamas of their hearts, are being destroyed; our boys are being ruined; our daughters are suffering degradation; not by foes, but by misguided friends. And we see no remedy for this disaster, save only for this Convention of the Baptists of Alabama to inaugurate among her ministers a grand Centennial Movement, for the restoration to our children of real Scriptural Homes, Family Religion, and Godly Mothers.

We beg that while our women are urged to sacrifice fashion and

pleasure to help the Missionary in the Isles of the Sea, that they be also urged to prevent our children from becoming heathens, and reminded that they who care not for their own households are worse than infidels.

So shall a movement be set on foot by which the "mother will want her boy," and the boy will want his mother. So shall we, in this Centennial year, add to the list, now alas! so short, of old-fashioned mothers for whom we thank God, and to whom we owe so much of all we are, and all we hope for in this world and in the world to come. We will not only aid in swelling our contributions to missions financially, but will under God greatly increase the number of our sons and daughters who will be fitted for missionaries, and whom God will accept as worthy to carry the Gospel to foreign lands.

Respectfully submitted,

D. I. PURSER, Ch'n.

Remarks were made by D. I. Purser, J. A. French, B. H. Crumpton, G. S. Anderson, W. M. Rabb, W. R. Ivey, and J. P. Shaffer, and the report was adopted.

#### SUNDAY NIGHT.

41. After preaching, the special committee on "State Mission Quarterly" reported as follows:

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSION QUARTERLY.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of the publication of the State Mission Quarterly, recommend the adoption of the suggestion made by the State Mission Board to change the publication of the paper from a Quarterly to a Monthly, and that the details as to price, size, &c., be left to the judgment of the Board.

W. M. BURR,  
W. H. SMITH,  
A. W. MCGAHA,  
J. G. LOWREY,  
VIRGIL BOULDIN,  
Committee.

After discussion by W. B. Crumpton, J. J. Taylor, J. Shackelford, J. A. French, T. H. Stout, W. M. Burr, D. I. Purser, J. C. Hiden, Z. D. Roby, J. C. Hudson, G. S. Anderson, M. H. Lane, J. P. Shaffer, E. F. Baber, C. W. Hare, W. C. Cleveland, J. O. Hixson, Virgil Bouldin and Catt Smith, the report was, on motion of Z. D.



Roby, amended so as to read that the Convention declines to recommend the change to a monthly, and the report, as amended, was adopted.

42. The pulpits of the city were supplied by members of the Convention, as follows: Baptist: E. V. Baldy, morning; J. J. Taylor, night. Methodist: P. T. Hale, morning; Geo. B. Eager, night. Presbyterian: J. L. Lawless, morning; J. F. Purser, night. Baptist, colored: R. M. Hunter, morning; B. H. Crumpton, night. Methodist, colored: G. S. Anderson, morning; W. B. Crumpton, afternoon; A. E. Burns, night.

#### MONDAY MORNING.

43. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. M. Fortune.

44. The report on Nomination of Officers and Boards was read by T. H. Stout, Chairman, as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION OF BOARDS AND OFFICERS TO THE ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION, 1891.

To Preach Introductory Sermon, 1892—William Harris.

Alternate—J. L. Lawless.

Statistical Secretary—M. M. Wood.

Treasurer—Eugene F. Enslen.

Auditor—J. M. Davidson.

Board of Directors—President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer, *ex-officio*: W. P. Welch, H. S. D. Mallory, Law Lamar, S. W. Averett, A. J. Dickinson, J. L. Lawless, T. M. Johnson, R. R. Kornegay, R. H. Lanford.

Trustees of Howard College—For class whose term shall expire in 1897: J. W. Johnson, President; W. C. Ward, G. R. Farnham, Eugene F. Enslen, Jos. Shackelford, Jno. M. McKleroy, E. H. Cabanis, S. P. Fowlkes.

To fill vacancies—Wm. Harris, in place of M. B. Wharton; Gilbert Carter, in place of J. C. Bush; J. P. Shaffer, in place of M. B. Swanson; Jno. T. Davis, in place of N. F. Miles; J. L. Thompson in place of J. T. Fitzgerald.

Trustees of the Judson Female Institute—To fill vacancy: L. L. Lee, in place of Jno. Moore.



President of Board of Trustees of the Judson Female Institute—  
W. W. Wilkerson.

Board of Ministerial Education—W. C. Cleveland, G. W. Ellis,  
G. S. Anderson, J. G. Harris, G. W. Thomas, J. L. Thompson, Wm.  
Harris, T. H. Stout, A. W. McGaha, Jno. W. Stewart.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—Jonathan Haralson, D.  
I. Purser, J. A. French, Wm. A. Davis, Lealis Law, Jos. Shackelford,  
L. M. Bradley, D. M. Ramsey, F. S. Moody, W. G. Curry, J. J. Tay-  
lor, J. H. Creighton, J. W. Stewart, J. H. Foster, A. W. McGaha,  
W. L. Pickard, Geo. B. Eager, P. T. Hale, B. F. Riley, M. H. Lane,  
S. R. C. Adams, J. L. Thompson, W. H. Smith, W. R. Ivey, J. H.  
Curry, J. C. Bush, B. H. Crumpton, G. R. Farnham, J. L. Lawless,  
S. W. Averett, A. J. Dickinson, A. E. Burns, W. J. Elliott, I. A.  
White, J. M. McCord, Wm. Harris, C. W. Hare, E. B. Teague, C.  
W. O'Hara, G. S. Anderson, Geo. W. Ellis, J. G. Harris, W. E.  
Lloyd, Z. D. Roby, J. E. Herring, J. H. Hiden, W. C. Bledsoe, J. P.  
Shaffer, J. P. Wood, W. F. Beard, P. L. Moseley, Jno. T. Davis, N.  
C. Underwood, J. M. Waller, T. W. Ayers, J. C. Hiden, J. O. Hix-  
son.

State Mission Board—W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary  
and Treasurer; A. J. Goodwin, Auditor; Jonathan Haralson, W. G.  
Curry, W. P. Welch, H. S. D. Mallory, W. C. Cleveland, D. I. Pur-  
ser, G. S. Anderson, Jos. Shackelford, T. M. Johnson, R. H. Lan-  
ford, J. P. Shaffer, Law Lamar, W. C. Bledsoe, A. J. Dickinson, Wm.  
Harris, J. J. Taylor, J. F. Purser, I. A. White, J. L. Lawless, R.  
R. Kornegay. (Five to be a quorum).

Bible and Colportage Board—W. E. Hudmon, W. E. Lloyd, G. A.  
Hornady, J. P. Shaffer, W. C. Bledsoe, Z. D. Roby, W. L. Hood, J.  
E. Herring, G. S. Anderson, W. B. Crumpton, J. C. Condon.

To suggest Programme for Convention of 1892—Geo. B. Eager,  
Wm. A. Davis, W. H. Smith, T. G. Bush, W. C. Cleveland.

Central Committee on Woman's Work—Mrs. T. A. Hamilton,  
President; Mrs. Geo. B. Eager, Vice-President; Mrs. I. C. Brown,  
Secretary; Mrs. G. M. Morrow, Treasurer.

Delegates to American Baptist Education Society—Jonathan Har-  
alson, W. C. Ward, D. P. Bestor, J. C. Hiden, E. H. Cabaniss, Jno.  
P. Hubbard, H. S. D. Mallory, J. D. Roquemore, D. I. Purser.

T. H. STOUT,  
W. G. CURRY,  
W. B. CRUMPTON,  
Z. D. ROBY,  
J. H. FOSTER, JR.,  
Committee.

After remarks by W. C. Cleveland, T. H. Stout, W.  
B. Crumpton and D. I. Purser, the report was adopted.

45. The committee on Time and Place reported through P. T. Hale, Chairman, providing for meeting on Thursday before the second Sunday in November, 1892; but, after discussion by W. B. Crumpton, P. T. Hale, Wm. A. Davis, Geo. B. Eager, G. S. Anderson, B. H. Crumpton, L. Law, M. H. Lane and W. C. Cleveland, and the defeat of an amendment by G. S. Anderson to meet on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in July, by a vote of 31 to 17, and the adoption of an amendment by Z. D. Roby, to meet on Tuesday, the report was adopted as amended, as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Time and Place, beg leave to report, the Parker Memorial Baptist Church, Anniston, as the place, and 10 a. m., Tuesday before the second Sunday in November, 1892, as the time, for the next session of this body

Respectfully submitted,

P. T. HALE, Ch'n.,  
R. M. HUNTER,  
GEO. A. HORNADY,  
Committee.

46. The committee on a Plan of Organization for Young People, reported through Geo. B. Eager, Chairman, and the report was adopted, as follows:

Your committee on Work among the Young People beg leave to report:

1. That we heartily recommend the organization of Young People's Societies after the order of the Young People's Union of the Selma Baptist church, which distinctly avows itself under the authority and superintendence of the local church, recognizing its superiority as a New Testament church of the Lord Jesus, and regarding itself as the servant of the church for the attainment of the object in view, which is as follows:

"The object of the Union shall be to secure the increased spirituality of our Baptist Young People; their stimulation in Christian service; their edification in Scriptural knowledge; their instruction in Baptist doctrine and history, and their enlistment in all missionary activity, through existing denominational organizations."

2. That we urge our pastors to enter upon this work at once, so as to get our young people in line for the work of the missionary

Centennial movement, which is now upon us, and to give the work their personal sympathy and supervision from first to last, with the full persuasion that it may be made to yield a rich harvest of good to all our enterprises.

GEO. B. EAGER, Ch'n.

J. A. FRENCH,

W. R. IVEY,

Committee.

47. The Report on Education was read by John F. Purser, Chairman, as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

This is a period of great educational awakening in Alabama and throughout the Southern States. The decade which this year closes might well be denominated our vernal equinox, as we measure time by intellectual and moral growth. Through storm and tempest; through educational evolution and revolution, we have come to a broader plane, to a higher level, and to a truer conception of the "beauty of knowledge."

Some one has aptly said that, "Popular intelligence is the world's sap." When the warmth of the spring sun begins to stir the sap in vegetation, it mounts from root to trunk, from trunk to branches, then through the empurpled twigs to the russet sheaths and tender green of the swelling buds; on, on, till it bursts forth in the emerald verdure of foliage and the rain-bow-hue blossoms of joyous spring. So popular intelligence, as it is set in motion and made to mount upward, by means of schools, and the facilities of the printing press, and books and current literature, and the association of man with man, in commerce, in business, in the social and religious world, in anything and everything which develops the thought power and the will power of the men at the bottom of the social strata, is the sap which will bring spring and summer to our race.

The ignorant, as never before, desire to learn something, to be something. Usually it is the misfortune of ignorance that it feels no need. But now, the great masses of the uneducated are beginning dimly to see why the few rule the many, why brain dominates muscle. Even now they are crying out, "We must die ignorant, but our children *shall know!*"

The philanthropists and statesmen are alive to the fact that it is impossible to make men free so long as they are weak; that while the masses are kept in ignorance and weakness, they will be oppressed by the machinery of religion, by the power of money, by the corruption of politics. Statutes and enactments will not make men free; growing intelligence must work out their emancipation. A great man has said: "We are coming, after two thousand years, to understand that the *truth* shall make us free; that freedom is of the



individual; and that the only effectual bar or counter-agent to the coming forms of aristocracy and despotism in the world, is to make men so strong that they cannot be driven; to make their wrists so large that the iron cannot be afforded with which to make manacles for them; and to make the muscles so large that no manacles can hold them." To the accomplishment of this end the mental, the moral, the physical man must be developed. God seems to be moving the hearts of the rich to give of their abundance for the founding of schools, colleges and universities. Once men builded their monuments in polished marble or enduring bronze; now they are coming to know that a nobler monument is reared whenever a church is built, a school established, a hospital founded, and that thus their names are embalmed in memories sweet as the fragrance of flowers and lasting as eternity. May the number of such names and such good works be increased.

Our legislators, mindful of the educational needs of the hour, have from time to time increased the appropriation for public schools. The Alabama Legislature, at its last session but one, made a special increase of one hundred thousand dollars.

This increase of means has brought an increase in the number of schools, and has multiplied facilities of learning. Just here two dangers threaten us. The first is, lest we multiply poorly equipped schools, dubbing them colleges, instead of concentrating time, brains and money to the strengthening of those schools which are already established. A first-class faculty demands first-class pay; and in order to do efficient work, must have buildings, libraries, chemical and philosophical apparatus, &c., all of which call for large expenditures. Every male college should have an endowment, else it will be perpetually hampered by insufficiency of funds to meet necessary expenses. This is one of the reasons why denominational institutions oftentimes find it difficult to cope with State schools.

The other danger which threatens us is the tendency toward making modern education too much a pursuit of specialties; to narrow the acquisition of knowledge down to those studies only which have their marketable values, when the student shall become a bread-winner. We have become such a practical people; this is so strictly the utilitarian age that we are fast losing sight of the benefits and intellectual pleasures to be derived from a higher education in our mad race after wealth, and those acquirements that help us in the struggle. Manual training, book-keeping and stenography are good, but they should not displace belles-lettres, mathematics and the classics. Rather let the two systems work in harmony that a well-rounded, many-sided character be developed.

The reports on our denominational schools show how just a source of pride these noble institutions are to every loyal Baptist heart.



The Judson has entered upon a year of marked prosperity. Its President has no superior, its faculty is able and experienced, its roll of students constantly increasing, and a degree of enthusiasm pervades the entire school, which is a guaranty of success. For more than half a century her alumnae have gone forth into every community from the Potomac to the Rio Grande; and to-day the children and grand-children of these noble women are filling the halls of the new Judson, bringing with them the blessings, prayers and hallowed memories bequeathed them by the Judson girls of the long ago.

The Howard, under the able management of Dr. Riley, is doing a fine work, and is moving grandly forward in spite of the crippling influences of unfinished buildings, &c., with which it has had to contend. May God put it into the hearts of our Baptist hosts to endow this noble institution, that it may go on to grander achievements and greater usefulness still, in the future. Its patronage is increasing yearly, and its ministerial students are doing good work in and around Birmingham, as supplies for mission stations and weak and destitute churches. In connection with this subject it is just to state that the summer institutes for preachers, held at East Lake, are a power for good, and a great educational factor, reaching many otherwise inaccessible, and developing a spirit of progress and investigation among the pastors of our State. Bro. W. B. Crumpton has also labored faithfully and fruitfully by holding his famous "rallies" in the needy portions of our associations. Already good has come of them.

The attendance of students from Alabama at the Seminary is small this year. This is to be deplored. Yearly our young ministers return from Louisville, stronger and better men for the wise training there received. Its graduates are in demand, and there is a growing wish among the people for an educated ministry "given wholly to the work."

Besides these, our own institutions, endeared to us by ties peculiarly strong and tender, there are in different parts of the State a number of excellent colleges and high schools under wholesome Baptist auspices, where a fine grade of work is done, where our young men and women are prepared for college or trained in a practical or scientific course. These institutions receive and merit fine patronage. It is something passing strange that we, as Baptists, are so strong in our adherence to denominational colleges, and yet, during the tender, impressionable age of childhood, we commit our children, without hesitation, to outside, and often adverse, influences.

In conclusion we are glad to state that the outlook generally is good; that we are entering upon an era of renewed prosperity, and are encouraged to hope that the seeds now being sown will, under the blessings of God, bring forth a bounteous harvest.

JNO. F. PURSER, Ch'n.

The Convention was addressed by W. M. Burr and Virgil Bouldin, and the report was adopted.

The convention was addressed by A. W. McGaha, W. C. Cleveland, J. C. Hiden and H. R. Schramm, and subscriptions were made for Ministerial Education (including subscriptions made during last two months by the various associations), as follows :

Montgomery Association, \$250; St. Francis Street Church, Mobile, \$200; Parker Memorial Baptist Church, Anniston, \$100; Unity Association, \$250; Mulberry Association, \$150; Eufaula Association, \$250; Antioch Association, \$100; South Bethel Association, \$100; Newton Association, \$100; Shelby Association, \$85; Harris Association, \$65; Cherokee Association, \$100; Pine Barren Association, \$125; Selma Church, \$100; Tennessee River Association, \$110; Alabama Association, \$25; North River Association, \$75; Columbia Association, \$75; Central Association, \$100; Tuscaloosa Church, \$75; Coosa River Association, \$150; Selma Association, \$150; Bigbee Association, \$150; Conecuh Association, \$150; Centennial Association, \$50; Cahaba Valley Association, \$50; Birmingham Association, \$300; Tuskegee Association, \$50; Union Association, \$100; East Liberty Association, \$250; Muscle Shoals Association, \$205; Troy Association, \$75; North Liberty Association, \$130; Brundidge Church, \$25; Cahaba Association, \$100; Salem Association, \$25; Judson Association, \$175.

48. The following resolution, offered by Geo. B. Eager, was adopted, to-wit :

*Resolved*, That this convention has listened with keen interest and pleasure to the admirable address of Bro. W. M. Burr, on Education; and, being persuaded that it merits a more permanent form and a wider circulation, hereby requests it for publication in our State paper.

49. A motion of W. B. Crumpton to limit speeches to ten minutes for remainder of session was, on motion of J. A. French, amended so as to read five minutes, and so adopted.

50. The report on Temperance was read by George E. Brewer.

After discussion by George E. Brewer, W. B. Crumpton, W. C. Cleveland, J. O. Hixson, C. W. Hare, J. W. Simmons and M. H. Lane, the report was amended on

motion of J. W. Simmons, the second suggestion as to legislation so to read as to require a majority of white freeholders who are householders and a majority of colored freeholders who are householders, and the report as amended was then adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee recognizes the subject of Temperance as one of the most vital to the individual, to the church and to the State.

The habit of drink and the influence of the saloon destroy personal character, impede the progress of the churches, and corrupt the State.

Notwithstanding the family toddy may have ceased in a measure, and the evil of drink is far less prevalent among Christians than in former years, yet the liquor traffic remains the fountain of evil out of which flow the streams of vice that drown their many thousands every year.

We call attention to the deleterious effect that drink has on human life. An eminent English actuary, in collating the experience of insurance companies, finds that when, in a given number of risks, ten temperate persons die, between the ages of 21 and 30 inclusive 51 intemperate persons die, or the risk on an inebriate is more than 500 per cent. greater than on a temperate person. From this statement and from our observation of the debasing effect of drink on the moral character of its victims, we believe its influence is only pernicious, and pernicious always. We believe the saloon is the strongest organized agency for evil in the land, and we should meet it with an organized effort for its overthrow worthy of its magnitude.

We believe that if churches exclude members from their fellowship for drunkenness, they should with equal firmness discipline their members for dealing in liquors.

We believe that the sale of liquor cannot be legalized without sin. We believe that to license drinking saloons is crime by the State.

We believe in working to procure prohibition, local, State and national.

There should be a closer alliance between all Christians for the suppression and extirpation of this evil.

We recommend that this Convention seek to have passed by the next General Assembly of Alabama, a law requiring the petitions for liquor licenses, with the names of freeholders and householders consenting to the sale, to be published in the county paper for four consecutive weeks before the license can be granted; requiring that a majority of the white freeholders, who are householders, and a majority of the colored freeholders, who are householders, in any beat, shall consent in writing before the issuance of license to the



person applying for same; forbidding the Probate Judge to issue license or renew same, to any person who has been guilty of violating any of the liquor statutes of this State, the question of guilt to be established to the satisfaction of the Judge of Probate when application is considered; and forbidding the sale of liquor within five miles of any church or school house not in a town of more than one thousand inhabitants.

We urge our churches to take higher ground with respect to total abstinence among their members.

JOHN W. STEWART, Ch'n.

51. The report of Finance Committee was read by its chairman, R. W. Beck, and adopted as follows:

*To the Alabama Baptist State Convention:*

The only matter claiming our attention as the Finance Committee of this body, is the report of Eugene F. Enslen, its Treasurer. In the absence of all vouchers and other papers, we can only infer that his report is correct. We, however, would recommend that the amount he has on hand, which has been contributed to the Endowment Fund of Howard College, be invested in some safe way as soon as possible, by the proper authorities.

R. W. BECK,  
DAVID LODGE,  
W. M. RAUB,  
Committee.

52. The report of the Treasurer was read and ordered spread on minutes, as follows:

EUGENE F. ENSLEN, Treasurer,

In account with Alabama Baptist State Convention:

Dr.

HOWARD COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

1890.		
Nov. 1.	Balance on hand as reported.....	\$21,570 64
	Amount received since Nov. 1, 1890, from all sources.....	3,620 55
		<u>\$25,191 19</u>

HOWARD COLLEGE DORMITORY BUILDING FUND.

1890.		
Nov. 1.	Balance on hand as reported.....	\$ 427 15
	Amount received since Nov. 1, 1890, from all sources.....	4,892 00
		<u>\$ 5,319 15</u>

HOWARD COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

1890.		
Nov. 1.	Balance on hand as reported.....	\$ 241 36
	Amount received since.....	1,203 00
		<u>\$ 1,447 36</u>



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## HOWARD COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

1890-1. Amounts paid out on proper warrants.....	\$ 25,156 45
Balance on hand.....	34 74
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	\$ 25,191 19

## HOWARD COLLEGE DORMITORY BUILDING FUND.

1890-1. Amounts paid out on warrants.....	\$ 5,316 11
Balance on hand.....	3 04
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	\$ 5,319 15

## HOWARD COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

Balance on hand.....	\$ 1,147 36
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Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE F. ENSLEN,

Treasurer.

53. The President of the Convention, Jonathan Haralson, stated that in accordance with action of Board of Directors on March 5, 1891, as reported in item 24 of these proceedings, he had executed the required deed, and had paid over the purchase money of twelve hundred dollars to Eugene F. Enslen, Treasurer of the Convention.

54. The report of Committee on Orphans' Home was read by G. S. Anderson, as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the committee on Preamble and Resolution of Fort Deposit church, concerning the establishing of an Orphans' Home in the State of Alabama, and the consideration of that question, did, very soon after the last Convention, address a number of brethren, some who had long experience in the establishing and conducting of Orphan Homes. We received from some of them valuable information as well as words of encouragement, offering various plans and methods for conducting such institutions. To some of our questions we did not receive as satisfactory answers as we desired, and are still in doubt in regard to the number of orphans in the State, who need to be cared for at such a home. We received many answers of approval and financial co-operation in the enterprise. Soon after entering upon the investigation we were put in correspondence (through the kindness of the editors of the *Alabama Baptist*) with Mrs. Woodson, a lady of means, and, as was soon ascertained, deeply interested in the establishing of a Widows and Orphans' Home for the Baptists of this State, and after a somewhat lengthy correspondence, a deed was secured, giving to the Baptist State Convention her entire estate, estimated at from \$30,000 to \$40,000, to accrue to the Convention at her death for the purpose above specified, with P. T.

*Orphanage*

Hale, G. S. Anderson, D. I. Purser, J. W. Stewart and H. S. D. Mallory as managers for the next ensuing six (6) years.

Several places have been suggested as suitable for locating such a home. Among the most favorable is Fort Deposit, Ala. We recommend the adoption of such means as will early establish such a Widows and Orphans' Home, which will be more fully suggested in a report by the board of managers to whom we respectfully refer you.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

F. C. PLASTER, Ch'n,  
G. S. ANDERSON,  
J. W. Stewart,  
M. B. WHARTON,  
W. J. ELLITT,  
JOS. NORWOOD,  
J. H. FOSTER, JR.,  
Committee.

55. The report of the temporary Board of Trustees of the proposed Orphans' Home, was read by P. T. Hale, as follows:

Mrs. Maria L. B. Woodson, with a consecrated and generous impulse to serve Christ in helping the destitute, has deeded, in fee simple, to this Convention, her entire estate, valued at twenty thousand dollars, for the establishment in Alabama of a Widows and Orphans' Home. This property is to go to the Convention at the death of the donor, and not before. We therefore would respectfully recommend to this body,

1st, That we accept this gift with profound gratitude to God and to our sister, for her splendid offering.

2d, That this Convention appoint a Board of Trustees to take in hand this great enterprise.

3rd, That this Board be instructed to advertise for bids from different places desiring the Home located in their midst, solicit contributions, and, if expedient, begin the work at once, even if upon a very limited scale.

4th, That all our pastors be requested to lay this matter upon the hearts of the people, and appeal for help in this needed work and great opportunity.

Mrs. Woodson selected as a Board of Trustees the following brethren: D. I. Purser, G. S. Anderson, H. S. D. Mallory, J. W. Stewart, and P. T. Hale. At a meeting of the Board the writer was made Chairman pro. tem. and D. I. Purser, Treasurer, and requested to solicit contributions. A recent letter to the writer con-

veys the intelligence that Mrs. T. M. Tartt, of Livingston, will start the movement with a contribution of three hundred dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

P. T. HALE, Chairman,  
D. I. PURSER,  
G. S. ANDERSON,  
J. W. STEWART,  
H. S. D. MALLORY.

After discussion by M. H. Lane, C. W. Hare, W. B. Crumpton, D. I. Purser, Geo. B. Eager, R. A. Moseley, Jr., the following was adopted in lieu of recommendations 2 and 3, on motion of V. Bouldin:

That this Convention appoint a Board of Trustees to receive said property having full power to proceed to establish such Orphans' Home at such place as they may deem wise; said Board of Trustees to consist of the brethren who are grantees in said deed of trust and five others appointed by the President.

The President appointed W. B. Crumpton, George B. Eager, Z. D. Roby, J. C. Bush and F. S. Moody, as provided, and on motion of J. O. Hixson, Jonathan Haralson was added to the Board of Trustees.

56. The report of the Committee on Temperance Legislation was read by Wm. A. Davis, and adopted as follows:

*To the Alabama Baptist State Convention:*

Your committee appointed to secure certain Temperance Legislation from the General Assembly of the State, report that a bill embodying the points covered by our instructions was prepared by us and introduced in due time. It was passed by the Senate by a large majority, but failed in the House by a close vote.

We are convinced that a continued agitation will secure some needed amendments to our existing statutes on the subject of liquor licenses, and therefore recommend that the standing committee on Temperance, appointed from year to year by this convention, be especially charged with the work of securing temperance legislation according to instructions given by the Convention, from time to time, and such further legislation as deemed by the committee advantageous to temperance interests.

JONATHAN HARALSON,  
WILLIAM A. DAVIS,  
G. W. ELLIS,  
C. W. HARE.

57. For lack of sufficient members in attendance to consider the amendment to the constitution, of which notice was given in 1890, no action was taken thereon; but notice was given by Wm. A. Davis of two proposed amendments to be considered at next session, to-wit: 1st, to strike out all of Article XV; 2d, to strike out first sentence of Article XV.

58. The following resolution was offered by B. H. Crumpton, to-wit:

In view of the conceded fact that the *Alabama Baptist*, in its present relations, is not and cannot be what the denomination has a right to expect and demand, a large number of the pastors and brethren, in private council assembled, appointed a committee to consider this question and formulate the same, a report to be presented to the Convention on Monday, for its action.

We recommend the following:

*Whereas*, The owner of the *Alabama Baptist*, our brother, J. G. Harris, cannot give his attention to the paper, and as others cannot afford to make it more efficient, under existing circumstances;

*Therefore*, This Convention desires that the owner set a fair price on it and sell it to the best purchaser, which sale must be ratified by the Convention.

B. H. CRUMPTON, Chairman,  
W. D. GAY,  
G. S. ANDERSON,  
J. A. GLENN,  
J. C. HIDEN.

After discussion by B. H. Crumpton, R. W. Beck, D. E. Purser, W. B. Crumpton, J. C. Hiden, George B. Eager, G. S. Anderson, W. C. Cleveland and C. W. Hare, the resolution was adopted.

59. On motion of G. S. Anderson, it was

*Resolved*, That W. D. Gay, J. F. Purser and Wm. A. Davis be appointed as a committee to convey to Bro. J. G. Harris the desire of this Convention, expressed in above preamble and resolution, and secure, if practicable, the consummation of this desire in the sale of the paper, and in the case of a failure to procure this result to report the same to the denomination through the *Alabama Baptist*.

60. On motion of Z. D. Roby, it was

*Resolved*, That the Board of Directors of this Convention be em-



powered to ratify such trade as may be made, disposing of the *Alabama Baptist* by its present proprietor.

61. On motion of Wm. A. Davis, it was voted to omit the publication of Statistical Table from the minutes, inquirers for such information being referred to Baptist Year Book and proceedings of Southern Baptist Convention.

62. On motion of Wm. A. Davis, W. C. Ward was requested to compile the acts of the General Assembly with regard to the Howard College for publication in next session's proceedings.

63. On motion of P. T. Hale, it was

*Resolved*, That our heartfelt thanks are hereby returned to this church and city for their generous hospitality so graciously extended the members of this Convention.

64. After prayer by B. H. Crumpton, the President announced the Convention adjourned, the next session to be held at Anniston, on Tuesday, before the second Sunday in November, 1892.

JONATHAN HARALSON,  
President.

WM. A. DAVIS,  
Secretary.

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NOTE.—The Clerks of all Associations in the State are requested to mail a copy of minutes, as soon as published each year, to W. B. Crumpton, Marion, Ala.; Lansing Burrows, Augusta, Ga.; Samuel Colgate, 55 John Street, New York, N. Y.; M. M. Wood, Bessemer, Ala.; and William A. Davis, Anniston, Ala.

## DELEGATES.

### FROM ASSOCIATIONS.

- Alabama*—F. C. Plaster.  
*Antioch*—E. F. Baber.  
*Bethel, South*—J. H. Creighton.  
*Birmingham*—D. I. Purser, R. W. Beck, M. M. Wood.  
*Cahaba*—A. J. Preston.  
*Cahaba Valley*—J. A. Glenn.  
*Centennial*—A. J. Dix, J. M. Loflin, J. O. Hixson.  
*Central*—D. S. Martin, W. J. D. Upshaw.  
*Columbia*—W. M. Burr.  
*Concub*—W. M. Rabb, B. H. Crumpton.  
*Coosa River*—Lealis Law, M. H. Lane.  
*Enfanta*—H. E. Brooks, N. C. Underwood, J. M. Waller, J. M. Hobdy, Jno. A. Foster, A. B. Bush, J. A. Walker, George B. Davis.  
*Florence*—J. C. Hudson.  
*Harris*—R. E. Lindsey, George E. Brewer, H. P. Wells; W. P. Lewis.  
*Judson*—A. L. Martin, F. B. Jernigan, R. B. Lee.  
*Liberty, East*—W. C. Bledsoe, John P. Shaffer, Z. D. Roby.  
*Liberty, North*—J. B. Little.  
*Muscle Shoals*—H. R. Schramm, Joseph Shackelford.  
*Newton*—John W. Simmons, R. Deal, H. H. Blackman, W. H. Simmons.  
*North River*—L. M. Bradley.  
*Pine Barren*—W. D. Gay.  
*Salem*—P. L. Moseley.  
*Shelby*—W. C. Cleveland, C. W. O'Hara.  
*Tennessee River*—W. R. Ivey.  
*Troy*—Jno. F. Purser, A. N. Worthy.  
*Tuskaloosa*—J. G. Lowrey.  
*Tuskegee*—W. E. Hudmon, J. E. Herring, C. W. Buck, G. A. Hornady.  
*Union*—C. Johnson.  
*Unity*—C. W. Hare, W. J. Ruddick, D. Lodge, J. M. McCord, R. M. Hunter.

### FROM CHURCHES.

- Anniston, First*—W. H. Smith.  
*Anniston, Parker Memorial*—Geo. B. Eager, Wm. A. Davis.  
*Bethel, Lowndes Co.*—F. C. Plaster.  
*Bethesda Coosa Co.*—D. S. Martin.  
*Bethsaida, Wilcox Co*—Wm. D. Gay.

- Birmingham*, First—D. I. Purser. Second—W. A. Whittle.  
*Bladen Springs*—E. F. Baber.  
*Blocton*—J. G. Lowrey.  
*Brundidge*—J. L. Jones.  
*Camp Hill*—Z. D. Roby.  
*Childersburg*—Thos. Henderson.  
*Clanton*—R. M. Hunter.  
*Collinsville*—J. M. Fortune, A. Edwards.  
*Columbia*—W. M. Burr.  
*Dadeville*—Jno. P. Shaffer.  
*Eclectic*—W. J. D. Upshaw.  
*Eufaula*, First—J. C. Hiden, H. E. Brooks, C. L. Boyd, A. A. Couric, W. C. Grimes, G. W. Greer, S. A. Holt, C. A. Locke, S. G. Robertson, J. H. Reeves, W. N. Reeves, E. S. Shorter, G. L. Comer.  
*Evergreen*—P. M. Bruner.  
*Fort Payne*—G. S. Anderson.  
*Greenville*—J. H. Foster, Jr.  
*Huntsville*—J. B. Little.  
*Jemison*—A. E. Burns.  
*Livingston*—W. G. Curry.  
*Midway*—T. H. Stout, W. J. Jordan, A. A. Adams.  
*Mobile*, St. Francis St.—J. J. Taylor.  
*Montgomery*, Adams St.—Geo. W. Ellis, J. C. Pope. First—Wm. Harris, Jno. D. Roquemore, Jno. G. Harris, T. F. Thornton, R. A. Moseley, Jr.  
*Mt. Carmel*, Chilton Co.—W. J. Ruddick, D. Lodge.  
*New Decatur*—H. R. Schramm.  
*Newton*—J. M. Poyner.  
*Orrville*—I. A. White.  
*Ozark*—W. H. Simmons.  
*Pine Apple*—W. J. Elliott.  
*Prattville*—R. M. Hunter.  
*Providence*—I. A. White.  
*Ravenna*—A. W. McGaha, B. F. Riley. - *Ravenna*  
*Scottsboro*—Catt Smith, Virgil Bouldin.  
*Selma*—A. J. Dickinson.  
*Siloam*, Marion—J. L. Lawless, S. W. Averett, W. B. Crumpton.  
*Talladega*—J. A. French, J. H. Pope.  
*Troy*, First—A. N. Worthy.  
*Tuskegee*—Frank S. Moody.  
*Union Springs*—G. W. Dalbey, J. M. Ellis, A. W. Beverly, J. H. Rainer, J. H. Rainer, Jr.  
*Woodlawn*—S. R. C. Adams.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

Jonathan Haralson, W. C. Cleveland, John W. Stewart.

## CONSTITUTION.

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ARTICLE I. This body shall be known by the name of "The Alabama Baptist State Convention," and shall be composed of delegates from Baptist Associations and churches, and from Missionary or other Benevolent Societies, and such brethren as may be appointed to official service at any session at which they may be present, provided that such delegates shall be members of Baptist churches in good standing.

ARTICLE II. The officers of the Convention shall be a President, First and Second Vice President, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, together with a Board of Directors, as hereinafter named, who shall be elected at each annual meeting, and who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE III. The President, or in case of his absence one of the Vice Presidents, in their order, shall preside at all the deliberations of the Convention, and discharge the duties usually imposed upon an executive officer of deliberate bodies.

ARTICLE IV. The Secretary shall make a fair record of the proceedings of the Convention, and soon after the rising of each regular meeting of the body, shall attend to the printing and distribution of the minutes of the same, of which he shall preserve a file, which file shall constitute the authentic record of the Convention. He shall also conduct the correspondence of the body. For his services he may receive a reasonable compensation. The printing of the minutes of the Convention, and the compensation of the Secretary, shall be paid for by a *pro rata* taken from the funds sent for the various objects fostered by this body each year.

ARTICLE V. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Convention, and hold the same, subject to the order of this body; or of the Board of Directors, during the recess of the Convention; and he shall make an annual report of all receipts and expenditures, which shall be audited and published with the minutes.

ARTICLE VI. The President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, with nine other brethren, shall compose the Board of Directors, five of whom shall form a quorum authorized to transact any business of the Convention during the recess thereof, and shall report their proceedings at each annual meeting of the Convention.

ARTICLE VII. The President shall have power to call a meeting of the Board whenever the exigency of the circumstances may, in his judgment, require the same.

ARTICLE VIII. The business of this Convention shall be to encourage and promote, by all proper means, the following objects, viz: Foreign, Domestic and Indian Missions; Bible Translation and Distribution; The Publication and Distribution of Religious Books, Tracts and Periodicals; Sunday Schools; The Education of the Youth



of the country, and especially that of Ministers of the Gospel; and all other objects sanctioned in the Gospel; *Provided*, that such persons only as are in indigent circumstances shall be received as beneficiaries of the institutions of learning under the patronage of the Convention; *Provided further*, that all applicants for aid shall undergo an examination as to their hope in Christ and call to the Ministry, by the Board of Directors, or a Committee appointed by the Convention, before they are accepted as beneficiaries.

ARTICLE IX. The Convention shall have the supreme control of any Literary or Theological Institution, which has been, or may hereafter be originated in this body; and it shall choose for such institution a Board of twenty-four Trustees, to serve for six years, of whom one-third shall go out of office biennially; and the said Trustees shall, on all occasions, be subject to the control of the Convention, and make an annual report to this body on the state of such institution.

ARTICLE X. The Convention may receive funds from all such as may be disposed to aid in any of the benevolent purposes mentioned in the 8th Article, and it shall faithfully apply funds contributed to the objects which may be designated by the donors, a portion, however, being taken *pro rata* from the same for contingent expenses, in the event of the insufficiency of the general fund for that purpose.

ARTICLE XI. The Convention may employ agents, whose duty it shall be to make collections, obtain subscriptions from Societies, solicit churches and associations to unite with the Convention, and to further all objects of this body.

ARTICLE XII. The Convention shall have power to send delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, and to any other assembly with which, in its wisdom, it may wish to communicate.

ARTICLE XIII. The Convention shall hold its meetings at such time and place as it shall, from time to time, appoint.

ARTICLE XIV. Any church, association or society, as prescribed in the 1st Article, contributing any sum through the Convention, to one or more of the objects specified in the 8th Article, may be represented in this body as follows: Each association may have ten delegates, and each Baptist church or Benevolent Society five.

ARTICLE XV. Any individual member of a Baptist church in good standing may be voted a life member by the contribution of \$100 at one time to any of the objects of this Convention. The Convention may, at its pleasure, vote any brother a life member in consideration of long and eminent services.

ARTICLE XVI. The funds of this Convention shall consist of voluntary contributions or donations, and not otherwise.

ARTICLE XVII. The Convention disclaims all right of exercising authority over any church or association, hereby acknowledging that every church is independent, and within its own sphere, is accountable to no body of men on earth.

ARTICLE XVIII. This Constitution may be altered or amended by the concurrence of three-fourths of the members present at any annual meeting, but not so as to infringe the 17th Article.

ARTICLE XIX. All amendments or alterations of this Constitution shall be proposed at one session and acted upon at the next.

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¶ Instead of prescribing distinct RULES OF ORDER, *Mell's Parliamentary Practice*, so far as applicable, has been adopted by the Convention.

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

*In connection with the Alabama, Baptist State Convention as compiled from the Minutes of 1891, and from other sources of information.*

(Please report needed corrections by postal card to Statistical Secretary.)

Acker, Solomon, Fairview  
 Adams, A, Hanceville.  
 Adams, N F, Lay  
 Adams, S R C, Woodlawn  
 Adams, W Y, Walcott Grove  
 Adams, H, Lower Peachtree  
 Adams, S A, Salitpa  
 Adams, S M, Randolph  
 Adams, W W, Kentucky  
 Adams, W H, Brundidge  
 Adamson, S M, Louisa  
 Agee, W A, Russellville  
 Akin, W J, Davis Creek  
 Alford, J Q A, Warrenton  
 Ailen, H F, DeArmanville  
 Allen, R M, Emuckfaw  
 Allen, Asa, Oxford  
 Allen, D C, Brundidge  
 Allen, H, Arbacoochee,  
 Allen, W, Geneva  
 Almon, C F, Ezra  
 Almon, W V, Heflin  
 Anders, J H M, Romulus  
 Anderson, G S, Auburn  
 Anderson, A, Cole  
 Andrews, A, Burnsville  
 Andrews, W L, Cheatham  
 Appleton, J B, Collinsville  
 Apsey, J G, Clinton  
 Archer, P M, Buford  
 Armstrong, Aris, Headland  
 Armstrong, W W, Wilsonville  
 Arnold, R B, Skipperville  
 Ashcraft, Wm, Kennedy  
 Ashcroft, R C A, Dingler  
 Atkins, R M, Double Springs  
 Avant, W C, Rutledge  
 Baber, E F, Notasulga  
 Bagwell, J E, Sidney  
 Baird, D O, Coal Fire  
 Baker, W G, Bankston  
 Balch, Wm, Rep

Bane, J Y, Baileytown  
 Barbour, T M, Tuscaloosa  
 Barksdale, E J, Albertsville  
 Barnard, J E, Eldridge  
 Barnett, J R, Samantha  
 Barrett, J M, Renfro  
 Baxter, John, Ironaton  
 Bartlett, J T, Sand Rock  
 Bass, L D, D D, Florence  
 Bates, T M, Anniston  
 Besty, W J, Kennedy  
 Bedell, W H, Waverley  
 Beeson, J J, Pisgah  
 Bell, G L, Jackson's Gap  
 Bell, J E, Georgiana  
 Belsher, L L, East Lake  
 Belton, J N, Eureka  
 Benton, G D, Ladonia  
 Bice, Isaac, Verbena  
 Bice, J C, Beaver Valley  
 Billingsly, C C, Billingsly  
 Black, A, Troy  
 Blackwelder, W M, Decatur  
 Blair, Thomas, Centre  
 Blake, R H, Adger  
 Blankinship, W J, Ballard  
 Bledsoe, W C, D D, LaFayette  
 Bone, W G, Marble Valley  
 Bond, J A, Simkinsville  
 Boole, J H, York  
 Boozer, G S, Jacksonville  
 Bowerman, E M, Blountsville  
 Bolling, John, Theo  
 Boles, L H, May  
 Bowles, L H, Troy  
 Bowling, J W, Oleander  
 Brackin, M, Brackin  
 Bradford, I F, Avoca  
 Bradley, L M, Jasper  
 Bradley, John, Milo  
 Brannon, W S, Jackson's Gap  
 Bragg, T R, Moulton

Branham, T W, Huffman  
 Brasier, I L, Sterrett  
 Brewer, G E, Opelika  
 Bridges, H H, Dry Cove  
 Brindley, G L, Simcoe  
 Brindlee, A B, Somerville  
 Britnell, J M, Newburgh  
 Brooks, E M, Frescoe  
 Brooks, H E, Eufaula  
 Brooks, J W, Geneva  
 Brooks, W C, Ashland  
 Brooks, M, Victoria  
 Brown, E L, Jasper  
 Brown, P, Hollywood  
 Brown, S P, Oxford  
 Brown, W A, Wheelerville  
 Brown, J W, Vienna  
 Browning, W Y, East Lake  
 Bruner, J F, Monterey  
 Bruner, W M, Columbia  
 Brunson, J E, St Elmo  
 Buck, C W, Salem  
 Bulger, P D, Lakeview  
 Bullard, J W, Blountsville  
 Burden, C J, LaFayette  
 Burdeshaw, D E, Kensey  
 Burgess, Wm A, Ferncliff  
 Burns, A E, Jemison  
 Burns, C A, Bangor  
 Burr, W M, Columbia  
 Burrell, T, Bremen  
 Burrow, J J, Oak Level  
 Butts, J A, Childersburg  
 Burroughs, E P, Whiton  
 Burt, R M, Fort Deposit  
 Burson, S R, Oak Level  
 Byrd, Berry, Citronelle  
 Cabaniss, J, Octagon  
 Cain, J T, Central Mills  
 Caldwell, J R, Deatsville  
 Calhoun, J A, Spencer  
 Callaway, P M, Newton  
 Campbell, F M, Hettin  
 Campbell, W J, Chulafinne  
 Camp, T A, Lamar  
 Camp, C D, Rockdale  
 Camp, R H, York Station  
 Carden, J H R, Weldon  
 Carnes, G B, Oneonta  
 Carr, D P, Boaz  
 Carpenter, J, Palmetto  
 Carrington, A C, Chickasabogue  
 Carter, L R, York  
 Carter, W B, Phoenix City  
 Casey, W L, Sidney  
 Castleberry, P, Easonville  
 Catts, S J, Pleasant Hill  
 Causey, J L, Healing Springs  
 Chambers, L, Sand Mountain  
 Champion, J E, Clear Creek  
 Chandler, J E, Coffey's Store  
 Chandler, J W, Oxford  
 Chandler, W N, Attalla

Chaney, R C, Easonville  
 Chapman, J, Ider  
 Chappelle, H B, Dilburgh  
 Cheatham, W H, Greenville  
 Cheatwood, B A, Edwardsville  
 Cheatwood, R M, White Plains  
 Chunn, G A, Cullman  
 Clark, T J, Halton  
 Cleveland, W C, D D, Montevallo  
 Cline, J H, Hickory Flat  
 Clines, E, Bellville  
 Cloud, J J, La Place  
 Cobb, A P, Hood  
 Cobbs, W T, Danville  
 Cochran, L B, Chapman  
 Coffield, James, Newell  
 Cole, W, Gum Pond  
 Colley, J H, Equality  
 Collier, S T, Albertville  
 Collier, W J, Wyatt  
 Collins, C C, Friendship  
 Collins, D S, Coffey's Store  
 Collins, J L, Ridge  
 Cone, G W, Bremen  
 Conger, J, Hackneyville  
 Conger, R F, Hackneyville  
 Cook, J D, Cuba  
 Cook, C, Fredonia  
 Cooper, J B, Bull Spring  
 Cooper, J C, Marble Valley  
 Cooper, D R, Whistler  
 Cooper, Benj, Pigeon Creek  
 Corley, P J, Warrenton  
 Corley, W B, Partridge  
 Cornelius, M A, Maple Grove  
 Coulson, L C, Scottsboro  
 Cowart, D C, Cowarts  
 Cox, G W, Notasulga  
 Cox, J E, Fayette C H  
 Cox, R A, Wynnville  
 Craig, L P, Landersville  
 Crawford, E, Sauty Mills  
 Crawford, W L, Maynard's Cove  
 Crawley, C, Aberfoil  
 Cree, P J, Sedan  
 Creighton, J H, Whatley  
 Crider, John, Zonia  
 Cross, S L, White Plains  
 Crumbley, J W, Oneonta  
 Crumpton, B H, D D, Evergreen  
 Crumpton, W B, Marion  
 Crutcher, Nick, Madison  
 Culbreth, D C, Marion  
 Culberson, H R, Gadsden  
 Culpepper, S B, Alexander City  
 Cumbie, J L, Mt Hillard  
 Cumbie, J, Stroud  
 Cumbie, R A J, Dadeville  
 Cumbie, W Ansel, Newton  
 Curry, J H, Northport  
 Curry, W G, Livingston  
 Cutts, J A  
 Daminey, F A, Geneva



Damerson, J T, Kentuck  
 Daniel, I N, Graham  
 Daniel, M N, Warrior Station  
 Daugherty, A, Dothan  
 Davidson, F, Phoenix City  
 Davidson, J T, Honoraville  
 Davis, Edg. T, Hopellull  
 Davis, W T, Lueville  
 Davis, W W  
 Deal, R C, Echo  
 Deal, R, Ozark  
 Dean, V H, Gadsden  
 Dean, W H, Fort Deposit  
 Deason, P J, Sterling  
 Deer, J E, Brewton  
 Denton, J G, Luna  
 DeVine, R B, East Lake  
 DeWitt, R J W, Jackson  
 DeWitt, W H, Nicholasville  
 Devenau, Jos M, Oxanna  
 Dickson, J P, Fayette C H  
 Dickinson, J W, Marion  
 Dickinson, A J, Selma  
 Dison, T B, Blocton  
 Dix, A F, Pine Grove  
 Dobson, A P, Allen Glen  
 Dodd, J T, Ider  
 Dodd, D J, Oakfuskee  
 Dorman, H, Walnut Grove  
 Dorman, A, Balm  
 Dorman, J W, Mount Pinson  
 Douthit, J M, Tusculmbia  
 Draughan, R I, Perdue Hill  
 Drew, Wm, Sand Rock  
 Dwyer, M M, Hillabee  
 Dufley, D S, Jenkins  
 Dunaway, J W, Centreville  
 Dunlap, J H, Gum Springs  
 Dunn, J W, Vienna  
 Dunn, James, Daricton  
 Dyer, N J, Vernon  
 Eger, Geo B, D D, Anniston  
 Edon, J, Jacksonville  
 Edwards, J M, Woodville  
 Eiland, C L, Bullock  
 Elam, T J, Randolph  
 Eley, M N, Union Springs  
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